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Briefly

Fish, bake sale

The Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church will hold a fish fry and bake sale from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue. The menu includes hand-breaded cod, spaghetti or french fries, slaw, bread, a dessert and a beverage.

Overnight event

The Tri-City Area YMCA, 876-7200, will hold a "sleep-over" for young people aged six to 12 on Friday, March 26.

The event, which costs \$10, will begin at 9 p.m. Friday and all young people should be picked up by their parents by 8 a.m. Saturday.

Activities include swimming, gym games and racquetball. Youngsters need to bring a swimsuit, towel, gym shoes and sleeping bag or blanket. Registration is limited to 75 and the deadline is 6 p.m. Friday.

Health fair set

The Pontoon Beach Neighborhood Task Force will hold a community health and resource fair from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Senior Citizen Center on Highway 111.

Information will be available on first-aid, AIDS awareness, blood pressure and many other topics, with presentations by Piasa Health Care, Madison County Mental Health, Illinois Department of Transportation, Pontoon Beach Police, Family Services and Visiting Nurses, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Coordinated Youth and fire and ambulance services.

Deaths

Forrest Barnett
Irene Haug
Donelda Holzum
Julianna Kukarola
Mary Mitchell
Robert Simpson
William Snedecor
Floyd Taylor
Shella Willis

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
March 24, 4:58; Pick 4: 8-1-6-3
Little Lotto Game
03-05-15-24-28
Lotto Game
13-27-29-41-44-61
March 23; 0:04; Pick 4: 0-4-8-8
March 22; 8:74; Pick 4: 9-4-4-1
Little Lotto Game
08-14-21-22-34
March 21; 1:25; Pick 4: 2-6-7-1
March 20; 4:50; Pick 4: 8-9-2-4
Lotto Game
11-27-32-41-42-51

75 years ago

March 26, 1918
Sgt. Matthew Wayman of the Canadian Army held a crowd of about 2,000 spell-bound in a cold wind for nearly an hour as he described life, death and conditions in the trenches in France. The speech was part of an effort to sell Liberty Loans as an investment in the United States.

Trivia

How many Illinois obs depend on foreign exports?

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Council seeks ruling on Selph agreement

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The Granite City Council wants a Madison County judge to determine if Mayor Von Dee Cruse and Police Chief Don Knight had legal authority to act on behalf of the city by entering into a secret agreement with a former city employee.

The City Council on Tuesday night voted unanimously to direct the city's attorney staff to file a request for declaratory judgment on behalf of the city, asking whether a retirement agreement between Cruse, Knight and former Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph is binding on the city.

At issue is whether or not

Cruse and Knight had the authority to enter the agreement on behalf of the city without City Council approval.

The council asked the city attorney staff to file the complaint, and seek an "immediate, expedited hearing" to "determine the city's rights and obligations relating to the separation

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At the bottom County housing authority rated among state's worst

A federal survey has ranked the Madison County Housing Authority as among the worst in Illinois.

As a result of being ranked 78th of 85 in the state, the Madison County Housing Authority has been placed on a sort of probation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

High vacancy rates and inadequate rent collections were the two main problems cited by HUD officials in giving the agency a score of 59.97 of a possible 100 points, according to Paul Schuler, director of the Madison County Housing Authority.

Schuler said the rating was cause for concern, but not alarm. The authority's score is only three-hundredths of a point below passing, Schuler said, and many improvements have been made since HUD graded the authority. Many more improvements will be made, he said.

The Madison County Authority, along with eight other public housing agencies in Illinois, was classified as "troubled" for scoring fewer than 60 points on the 100-point scale.

"Anything below 60 is troubled and what we do is draw up a plan for solving their problems, whatever they may be," said Steve Meiss, an official at HUD's regional office in Chicago.

The Madison County Authority operates 12 apartment projects

throughout the county and has an annual budget of about \$2.1 million.

Schuler said there are relatively few problems with the authority's projects in southwest Madison County, including Venice Homes, Viola Jones Homes and Lee Wright Homes in Venice and Grenzer-Garasche Homes in Madison.

"Our biggest problems are in Alton," he said, referring to the county-run Sullivan and Dooley Drive housing projects.

"We have a real vacancy problem there, along with some crime problems."

Schuler, a former Granite City mayor, said a major renovation program for the Alton projects is under way, although it is currently only in the architectural planning stage. Its completion should solve many of the problems there, he said.

The authority has until June 1994 to reduce vacancy rates to no more than 3 percent, the maximum allowed under HUD rules. More than 10 percent of the Madison County public housing units were vacant when HUD surveyed authorities around the state last year.

"The HUD (findings) give us some goals to work toward," Schuler said. "We have made improvements and will continue to make improvements."

Madison County also must increase rent collections to 90 percent by June 1994 under an

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DUI drivers would need sober breath to start car

SPRINGFIELD — Motorists convicted of driving under the influence would have to "blow start" their cars under a bill approved by a House committee.

The bill requires the secretary of state to launch a pilot program using a Breathalyzer-type device that interlocks with a car's ignition system.

Judges would order the devices installed in the cars of convicted drunken drivers who receive restricted driving permits.

The driver must blow into the device before starting the car. If the machine reads an unacceptable blood-alcohol level, the car will not start.

"This approach has worked successfully in 23 other states and two foreign countries since 1986," sponsor Rep. Clem Balanoff, D-Chicago, said. "These other states and countries have experienced three times lower DUI recidivism rates for offenders using the device, as compared to other DUI offenders."

Co-sponsor Rep. John Sheehy, D-Tinley Park, said similar programs work in other states because they allow people to drive to work but keep them off the road if they become intoxicated.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Harold and Laura Christian of the 2000 block of Harris Street in Madison talk with Gina Rosario, right, community relations coordinator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, during an informational meeting at the Madison Recreation Center on Wednesday afternoon. The EPA was explaining its plans for cleanup of lead-contaminated soil in the area.

Voter registration rising to new levels

A surge in Madison County registered voters has not tapered off since the November election, which featured a three-way race for president.

Pocketbook issues, including several tax referendums on the April 20 ballot, may be the reason for sustained voter interest.

"It's really surprising that we've had a lot of activity. It was so active for the presidential election that we sort of thought it might drop off. But no, it doesn't seem to be," Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles said.

Workers in her office logged 142,969 voters as of Monday morning, the last day to register for the April 20 election. The final figure won't be known for several days.

Records were smashed last fall when intense interest in a three-way presidential campaign, including incumbent H. Ross Perot, way presidential campaign, including incumbent H. Ross Perot,

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(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Art salute — Anna McKinley of Shiloh will be among the artists honored at the Encore Salute to Fine Art this weekend at the Helicopter Hangar Galleries of the U.S. Army Price Support Center. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Venice buying 'new' truck

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The engine in the Venice garbage truck "blew up" last week. As a result, several aldermen came close to blowing up Tuesday night.

Alderman John Ervin, chairman of the Street Committee, said a new garbage truck would cost \$35,000.

Replacing the motor in the current 1982 truck would cost about \$7,800, he said, but since the truck has many other mechanical problems that would only be a temporary solution.

At the moment, Ervin said, the city is utilizing a used 1980 garbage truck that is on 30-day trial from a St. Louis dealer.

Ervin said that truck would cost \$16,500 plus about \$2,000 for a tandem axle. He said the committee recommended that the city purchase the used truck at the end of the trial period.

The aldermen ultimately voted to go along with Ervin's committee recommendation.

Just before the aldermen voted to buy the \$16,500 used garbage truck, Alderman Michael Terrell asked, "Can the city afford this?"

Mayor Tyrone Echols said, "If you want to know what we can afford, we can't afford anything. But this is a matter of public safety."

"If we let garbage pile up around the city for even a couple of days, we'll have rats and God knows what other kinds of critters overrunning the city."

Alderman Silver Franklin cast the lone dissenting vote.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Street Department workers Reggie Johnson, left, Henry Phillips and John Poindexter with the "new" garbage truck Wednesday.

"Wait a minute. Our 10-year-old truck is broken down and not worth fixing, so you want to replace it with a truck that's two years older?" Franklin asked. "When I go to get another car, I don't get one that's older than the one I've got."

Ervin said he, in fact, had bought cars older than the one he had been driving.

"Maybe I would rather have had a newer car, but the older car was the one my pocketbook was going to let me have," Ervin said.

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City joins coalition fighting EPA policies

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials are joining a group of leaders of other communities in opposition to policies and practices of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Granite City Council unanimously adopted a resolution Tuesday expressing its support for the goals of the Superfund Coalition Against Mismanagement, or SCAM, and pledging to work with the group to bring about its goals.

The coalition was formed in Aspen, Colo., last year when a panel of scientific experts determined that a proposed U.S. EPA Superfund cleanup of lead in that community was unnecessary and was based on unscientific grounds, said Alderman Craig Tarpo of Granite City, a member of the board of directors of SCAM.

The goals of the coalition are:
To prevent the use of arbitrary and unsubstantiated science in the development of Superfund programs.

To increase local government control over the administration of remediation policies and programs.

To increase local government control over land use policies related to Superfund cleanups.

To decrease legal and procedural delays inherent in the Superfund program, and to prevent the diversion of badly needed cleanup funds toward duplicative government programs and the legal industry; and

To pursue cleanup plans which simultaneously improve environmental quality and the community's economic well-being.

City officials and the U.S. EPA are engaged in a protracted battle over a proposed \$35 million lead cleanup in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park.

While the EPA plan includes the removal of residential soil from a 55-block area and placing the contaminated dirt on an existing pile of

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Police log

Granite City

Husband is arrested

Eric A. Gean, 24, of the 2100 block of Grand Avenue, was arrested at 2:08 p.m. March 22 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have banged the head of his estranged wife against a wall, grabbed her arm and pushed her around in an incident in the 2500 block of Sheridan Avenue.

Erratic driver charged

Michael McCoy Sr., 41, of St. Louis was arrested at 1:21 a.m. March 22 for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage and driving without liability insurance.

An officer reported seeing a white 1985 Ford Mustang being driven erratically in the downtown area.

McCoy, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and

was charged.

Battery of man alleged

Scott A. Howell, 35, of the 2300 block of Iowa Street, was arrested at 10:11 p.m. March 21 for battery. He allegedly struck a 24-year-old man in the neck and chest in an incident in the 2300 block of Iowa.

Seven charges filed

Michael D. Hendrix, 37, of the 2200 block of Edison Avenue, was arrested at 6:52 p.m. March 21 for retail theft, disorderly conduct, battery, assault, resisting a peace officer, criminal damage to property and obstructing a peace officer.

Hendrix allegedly tried to take a 12-pack of beer from Schnuck's Supermarket, 20 Nameoki Village Shopping Center, without paying.

He allegedly fought with store employees, refused to cooperate with police, hit an officer in the nose with his fist and damaged the officer's walkie-talkie radio,

according to a police report.

Battery and resisting

James E. Tucker, 33, of the 2000 block of State Street, was arrested at 4:57 a.m. March 20 for domestic battery and resisting a peace officer.

He allegedly beat up a 23-year-old woman, pushed her arm through a glass door, and tried to run away when being placed in custody.

DUI, stop sign charges

Eddie L. Milton, 41, of the 2800 block of Faith Avenue, was arrested at 1:08 a.m. March 20 for driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a stop sign.

An officer reported seeing a maroon 1988 Chevrolet Corsica being driven erratically on East 27th Street and on Nameoki Road.

Milton, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath

analysis test and was charged.

I didn't want it to be a joke.

Several of the players attended a practice game Sunday to get a feel for their teammates, she said.

"I'm afraid the way it looks now, the firefighters are going to be tough to beat," she said.

"Unless the police have some surprises up their sleeves, I'm pulling for the Hoses."

The charity game will feature players from the Alton, Bethalto, Roxana, Godfrey, Meadowbrook and Venice fire departments and police officers from Bethalto, Venice, Roxana, East Alton, Hartford, Collinsville and Madison as well as Madison County sheriff's deputies.

From the Alton Telegraph

Benefit for police video equipment

Local police and fire departments are going to court in an effort to slam dunk drunken driving.

A charity basketball game dubbed Guns 'N' Hoses will pit eight police departments against six fire departments Friday to raise money for buying video camera equipment for police to capture allegedly drunken drivers on tape.

"We're really excited about it," said Carolyn Deardourf, president of the Madison County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which is sponsoring the game. "This is our first game but we hope to make it an annual event. There are quite a few good players, so

it should be real entertaining."

The game is at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium of Civic Memorial High School. Admission is \$2 and raffle tickets are \$1. Tickets will be available at the door.

"We have a Michael Jordan autographed basketball to raffle away and tons of other prizes donated by local businesses," Deardourf said.

The game has attracted several members from local departments interested in strutting their stuff on the court, she said.

"Some of these guys are going to be pretty tough competition," she said. "We knocked the starters down to six minutes each just in case they get worn

could result in withheld federal funds or a takeover of the agency by another housing authority, HUD officials said.

Jackie Bone, director of administration for the Madison County Housing Authority, said the authority was required to sign a "memorandum of agreement" with HUD stipulating goals the authority would reach by June 1994 concerning vacancy rates, rent collections, modernization and other projects.

Last spring, the Madison County authority received a preliminary score of 54.5 but that was upgraded to 59.97 after the authority appealed. The new ranking, however, was not enough to rescue the agency from "troubled" status.

Statewide, the Chicago Housing

Authority was at the bottom of the list with a score of 33.58. The Richmond County Housing Authority was No. 1 with a 99.29 score.

The Alton Housing Authority, which operates four housing projects, ranked in the top half of agencies in Illinois, with a score of 68.98.

The Granite City Housing Authority, which operates Kirkpatrick Homes and The Anchorage, was 56th in the state with a score of 60.98.

HUD officials rated housing authorities according to 12 criteria, including vacancy and rent collection rates, condition of the units and modernization programs.

The scores covered the fiscal year ending March 31, 1992.

From the Alton Telegraph

•Authority

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agreement reached between the authority and HUD.

Schuler said he was not sure what percentage of rents had gone uncollected at the time of the survey but said it was more than the limit of 10 percent permitted under HUD rules.

Richard Tukka, the comptroller of the Madison County Housing Authority, has been working for more than a year on an upgrade of the authority's rent collection procedures, Schuler said.

"Rick has been working very hard at that, but his job is not an easy one," Schuler said. "This is not something that can be solved overnight."

Failure to meet the HUD goals

•Selph

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from employment of (Selph) and any and all agreements related thereto," according to a motion by Alderman Dan Partney.

The council's request followed a closed session that lasted more than an hour and a half.

Most of the aldermen said that they were not aware of the existence of the agreement until recently.

"It was a shock to all of us to find that an agreement was made on behalf of the city, by city officials, without consulting the board of aldermen, and which we were informed stopped a criminal investigation," Partney said.

Through the Freedom of Information Act, the Press-Record obtained a copy of the agreement, dated Aug. 30, 1991, calling for Selph's retirement. The agreement was signed by Selph, Cruse and Knight.

The agreement states that Selph, Cruse and Knight will "refrain from discussing or disseminating in any way... the facts and circumstances of an investigation conducted by the Illinois State Police relating to a leak of information."

Any attempt to rescind or

revise the retirement "will grant to the City of Granite City the right to reinstate all investigations and to pursue any related prosecutions," according to the agreement.

Similarly, any attempt by the city to rescind or revise the agreement "will grant to Ronald Selph the right to rescind his retirement and return to the Granite City Police Department at his last permanent rank of Captain and also allow him to use any remedy that might be at his disposal."

The agreement includes a provision stating that Selph agrees not to sue Cruse, Knight or the city for "acts and/or statements

made by (them) prior to the date... of this agreement."

The court action may also ask whether the agreement was violated by the city by honoring the newspaper's Freedom of Information request, and whether Selph's declared candidacy for mayor — which position, according to the city code, is the city's chief law enforcement officer — violated the agreement.

"Another serious question is why did a retirement require a sealed confidential agreement," Partney said.

City Attorney Mark Goldenberg said the request would be filed soon.

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Five outside agencies assist police here in quelling fight

Granite City police officers needed the assistance of five other law enforcement agencies to break up a fight involving about 50 persons Saturday night at the Jaycees' hall, 21st Street and Edison Avenue.

According to a police report, officers dispatched to the Jaycees Club at about 11:30 p.m. March 20 arrived to find several tables overturned, alcoholic containers strewn about the room, and about 50 people involved in a dispute.

After authorities repeatedly notified patrons that the estab-

lishment was closed, most of the occupants left the scene, according to the report.

But a fight spilled over onto the parking lot, and several police officers were attacked, the report states.

Officers from the cities of Madison, National City and Venice, from the Madison County Sheriff's Department, and from the Illinois State Police were called to the scene to help control the situation.

Four men were charged in relation to the incident.

Jose Pastoriza, 21, of the 2100

block of Adams Street, was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting a peace officer.

Johnny Pastoriza, 24, of Parktowne West, was charged with assault, resisting a peace officer and unlawful possession of cannabis.

Moises Vazquez, 34, of the 1700 block of Delmar Avenue was charged with two counts of battery, resisting arrest and obstructing a peace officer.

Francisco C. Alanis, 37, of Chesterfield, Mo., was charged with obstructing a peace officer and resisting arrest.

Drug arrest made after home fire

A fire in Lincoln Place on Monday morning resulted in drug possession charges against the occupant of the home.

The house fire, which started in the basement at 1711 Poplar St., began at about 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Firefighters responding to the scene quickly extinguished the blaze at the two-story frame home. But an investigation into

the cause of the fire revealed several live marijuana plants in the basement of the home, according to police and fire reports.

The occupant of the home, David A. Lusby, was charged with unlawful production or possession of cannabis plants, a misdemeanor.

According to a police report, three large plants, valued at about \$4,500, were recovered

from the basement of the home.

Several guns were also discovered in the home, but were properly registered, according to the report.

Damage to the home, which was occupied only by a family pet at the time, was estimated at \$5,000. The cause of the fire was undetermined.

The dog escaped from the blaze unharmed.

•Truck

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Terrill asked if the city replaced the engine in the old truck, how long it would last.

"A couple or three years," Ervin said. "But parts are hard to come by — I'm not saying they can't be found; I'm sure we can find them — but parts are hard."

Ervin said the city cannot afford to be waiting for parts — the garbage must be picked up every day.

"We can't afford to go a single day in Venice without the garbage being picked up," said Alderman John Henry Williams.

"It would be a disaster," Alderman Henry Fletcher said.

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Flag Day parade meeting set for Monday

A planning meeting for the 1993 Flag Day parade will be held on Monday, April 5, at the Pontoon Beach Lions Club, 3901 Lake Drive.

At this meeting, plans will be discussed to make this year's parade bigger and better than in previous years.

Representatives of all veterans, fraternal, civic, religious, union, business and youth organizations are invited to attend.

The third annual Quad City

Flag Day parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 13.

Any and all persons representing various groups such as churches, marching units, bands, kimmel clubs, car clubs, clowns,

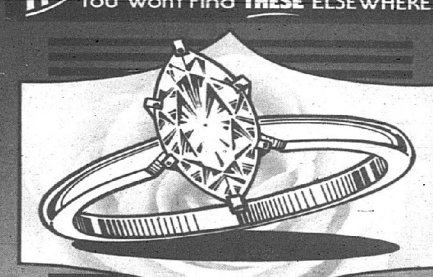
etc., also are invited to participate.

For further information, persons may call Mary Scarsdale at 451-8626 or Jim Taylor, commander of Madison VFW Post 7451, at 931-4504.

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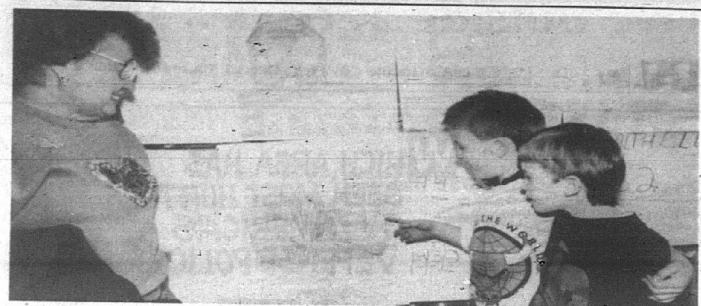
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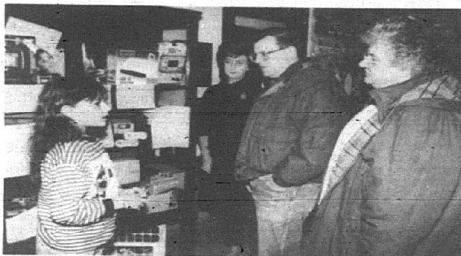
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Lunchtime — Grandparents recently joined their grandchildren for lunch and a tour of the school at Niedringhaus School. Above, Matt Davis, 8, center and his best friend Matt Burris, 9, show Davis' grandmother, Charlene Vunovic, left, a poster Davis made in class. In photo below, LaManda Knight, 9, shows her grandparents prizes for the school's candy sale; from left are Myra Knight, Frank Schwertmann Sr. and Barbara Schwertmann. In second photo from bottom, Sharon Jackson, left, enjoys lunch with granddaughter Jo McNeish, 10. In bottom photo, Valara Schorheide, left, watches a video in her adopted grandchildren's class with Elyssa Phillips and Ben Phillips.



FACES IN THE CROWD

(Staff photos by
PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



Chouteau Township salaries cut; tax hike may be averted

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

In an attempt to avoid the need to increase property taxes, Chouteau Township elected officials will take a 10 percent pay cut next year.

The Town Board voted 4-0 Monday night to cut the salaries of elected township officials 10 percent across the board.

"As it exists today, officials' salaries are more than we're taking in. The fund balances are gone," Supervisor Morris Miles told the Town Board on Monday night.

"Based on receipts and disbursements, before next year, someone is going to be borrowing or raising taxes," Miles said. "If the people want to see their taxes raised, that's fine. But I'm presenting an alterna-

tive plan."

While Miles proposed a 14 percent pay cut for the four trustees and a 10 percent cut in the supervisor's salary, the trustees voted to cut all salaries by 10 percent, with the exception of the treasurer of the Road and Bridge Fund, which they cut to \$500 annually from \$600.

The supervisor also acts as Road and Bridge treasurer.

The trustees also voted to be paid on a per-month rather than per-meeting basis, and to reimburse expenses of the supervisor, road commissioner and clerk based on 25 cents per mile rather than a flat \$50 per month.



Miles

Town Clerk Pat Polley, who is running against Miles for supervisor in the April 20 election, said she welcomes the decrease in pay.

"As a candidate for supervisor, I would be happy to accept the lower salary because the funds are just not there," Polley said.

According to Miles, the Town Fund had receipts of \$73,728 last year, while disbursements were nearly \$123,000. The town had a reserve balance of \$78,115 at the beginning of the year, but that figure has dipped to less than \$29,000 over the course of the year, Miles said.

Officials' salaries amounted to \$50,200 for 1992-93, Miles said.

In addition to the supervisor race, a clerk, assessor, collector, highway commissioner and four trustees are to be elected next month.

Jail leaks may lead to new roof

One year before it's paid for, the Madison County Jail is starting to deteriorate and give its owners a major headache.

Sheriff's Department personnel and jail inmates have been dodging dozens of roof leaks for the last several weeks, leaks that have been aggravated by recent heavy snow and rain, county officials said.

"It's been giving us problems all along. We made temporary repairs, patching it up, but here lately it's given the sheriff more serious problems," said Madison County Board Member H. Jack Frandsen of Alhambra.

In response to pleas from Sheriff Bob Chalkley, the County Board will seek bids on a new roof for the 158-bed jail, built for

\$45 million in 1979.

Detectives have been draping plastic over their desks to shield them from falling water, and prisoners have to watch their footing in some areas because of large puddles and slick spots, the sheriff told the County Board last week.

A cost estimate for the new roof was not available, but some board members suggested the county may have to pay upward of \$100,000 to get the job done. Officials said they would consider replacing the existing flat roof with a truss roof, which allows water to run off.

"We were told by the architect when we built it that a flat roof would leak one way or another," Frandsen said. "He told us

that if he knew a way to stop a flat roof from leaking, he'd be a millionaire." He said officials chose the flat roof because it was considerably cheaper than a truss roof.

Homeowners are still paying off the bonds issued to finance the jail's construction.

A special 1.74-cent tax rate will expire next year when the bonds are paid off. The jail tax costs the owner of a \$75,000 house assessed at \$25,000 about \$4.35 a year.

The money for a new roof will probably have to come out of the county's \$10.9 million surplus, officials said. The 1.74-cent rate cannot be diverted to other uses.

From the Alton Telegraph

Flinn blocks tax 'rollback' proposal

By Mike Mosser
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD-Rep. Monroe Flinn blocked a property tax rollback bill in a House committee Thursday, calling the bill nothing more than a publicity stunt.

"It's a great balldyho and it sounds great, but it's a bill that should never have been introduced," the local Democrat said.

"It would've cost the state of Illinois tons and tons of money that we don't have."

Sponsored by Rep. Ralph Capparelli, D-Chicago, the bill would have rolled local property tax assessments back to their 1988 levels and other taxes to their 1987 levels.

A local government would need a referendum of 60 percent of the voters to raise taxes beyond those levels.

Flinn said it would have been easy for him to vote for the bill and say he's in favor of reducing taxes, but the measure would meet certain defeat by either the legislature or the governor's veto.

He said anyone who voted for the bill would quietly hope that it eventually would fail because the state would have to cover the loss in funds that local municipalities would suffer.

Right now, the state itself is short of funds, he noted.

All ten candidates for mayor to debate

All 10 Granite City mayoral candidates in the April 20 election have agreed to participate in a public debate next month.

The debate, sponsored by the Granite City Press-Record/Journal, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Granite City High School Auditorium.

Citizens who wish to have their question asked should submit the question in writing to Debate Question, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040. Questions should include their name, address and telephone number on the question.

Questions to be asked will be selected by a panel of newspaper reporters and editors, who will then ask the candidates the questions at the debate.

The 10 candidates for mayor, in ballot order, are Alderman Paul Fisk, Alderman Jeff Warren, Alderman Walter Milton, businessman and body-builder Dan McGuire, restaurant owner Archie Lupardus, Alderman Dan Brown, Joseph McGinness, former assistant police chief Ron Selph, James Bailey Sr. and Steve Bolling.

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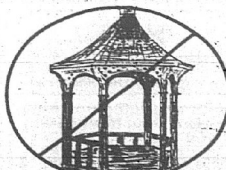
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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
Attorney At Law

When a person takes out automobile insurance in Illinois, the policy must provide for uninsured motorist coverage. The purpose of this coverage is to allow the driver to collect from his own insurance company if his car is struck by an uninsured vehicle. What happens, however, if the person's car is not actually struck by the uninsured vehicle but rather is merely run off the road. Can the insured driver in this situation collect under his own policy? Illinois law is clear that an insured driver cannot collect under the hit-and-run provision of his own uninsured motorist coverage unless there is "physical contact" between the unidentified driver and the insured driver. Thus where an unidentified vehicle forces the driver with insurance off the road, the insured cannot recover under his policy for his injuries caused by this phantom vehicle.

This requirement of "physical contact" between the vehicles may seem rather harsh. In some cases, it may result in a person with severe injuries having no hope of recovery simply because his car was not actually struck by the unidentified vehicle. The reason for this requirement of contact is so that an injured

person will not simply blame his injuries on a non-existent driver and thus collect under his own policy. By requiring physical contact between the vehicles, the Illinois Courts have reduced the potential for fraud in auto accident cases.

What happens, however, if the unidentified vehicle strikes a rock in the road and throws it through the windshield of the insured driver, thereby causing an accident? Or what happens if the phantom vehicle throws a lug nut off its wheel and causes the other driver to lose control of his car by hitting the vehicle? In both these instances, Illinois Courts have found "physical contact" and thus allowed coverage under the uninsured motorist provision of the victim's own policy.

The Courts have held that there need not be a direct physical touching between the hit and run vehicle and the insured automobile before the "physical contact" condition is satisfied. Indirect physical contact with any part of the unidentified vehicle will satisfy the "physical contact" requirement so as to allow the driver to collect under his own policy.

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Opinion

Editorials

Secrecy by city unjustified

While an informed electorate is a wonderful thing in theory, in practice — when the watchdog press is nipping at your heels — it is not so much a wonderful thing as a nightmare.

That was demonstrated by two stories appearing in last week's *Press-Record*. In one story, the Granite City Council, after a lengthy closed discussion, released a secret agreement between Mayor Von Dee Cruse, Police Chief Don Knight and former Assistant Police Chief Ron Selph. In the other, the Granite City Board of Fire and Police Commissioners is asking a judge to seal the transcripts of one of its hearings because, if they are made a public record, the newspaper might print them.

The secrecy, in both cases, was, or is, officially termed "in the public's best interest." In other words, the public would be hurt if it knew everything. Is such a thing — harmful information — really possible?

While government answers directly, and only, to the people, it would be ludicrous to believe that government should do everything out in the open.

If a government body is negotiating labor contracts, considering litigation, studying land acquisition or discussing possible legal settlements, it should be done in absolute secrecy. In addition, how could it possibly be in the taxpayers' interest, for example, if everyone doing business with the city knew in advance the top price the city was willing to pay and charged accordingly?

Making this type of information public would make the taxing body, and the public paying the bills, the ultimate dupe.

Discussions leading to hiring, firing, promoting or demoting employees should be held in secret. Police investigations in progress must be kept secret. The existence of ongoing undercover operations and identity of undercover officers must be kept secret.

But all of these are "works-in-progress" and in each case the final action must, logically and legally, be a matter of public record.

In general, once it's a "done deal," the wraps come off. The contract is signed after concessions on both sides, the price paid is less or more than hoped, the employee is promoted for being outstanding or fired for being below average, the undercover officer testifies in open court.

But in some cases, as in the two cases in the *Press-Record* last week, an official decision has been taken to keep the wraps on even after the final action has been taken.

To people in the news-gathering business, an official secret sends up a red flag. The sheer quantity of public information forces news-gathering organizations to filter it before looking at it or even asking for it. It is possible to hide almost anything under the tons of gibberish and legal mumbo-jumbo that accompany our basic government by bureaucracy.

So why would a government body or official go out of the way to make something a secret? Is there something to hide?

The agreement involving Selph easily falls into the category of legal mumbo-jumbo. His existence were known at the time of his retirement, it would probably have gotten little more than passing mention in a news story about an investigation of the Granite City Police Department finding no prosecutable offense and calling speculation about any potential wrongdoing a disservice to Selph and to the department.

The only damning thing about the agreement is the fact it was made in secrecy and specifically binds all parties to it to secrecy. Why? What is it that these three know that could hurt the public if it found out? Why go out of your way to make something secret unless there is something to hide?

Regarding the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, news-gatherers have copied the transcripts of its hearings in the past, but only rarely. Unlike the dramatic hearings in novels and on television programs, in real life even the most exciting hearings don't merit blow-by-blow, word-for-word coverage. It would be neither informative nor entertaining.

In most cases, a news-gatherer receiving a transcript will read it, see that it confirms the findings released by the board, and throw it in a file. It is rare that anything found in a transcript will lead to a new story.

Why is this transcript different? It may not be. The chances are that, after wading through the gibberish and legal verbiage, the board's findings will be confirmed and the transcript will go in a file.

So why is the board going out of its way to keep this transcript a secret? What in the transcript will it hurt the public to know? What does the board want to hide?

In both of these cases, the public has a right to know enough to at least ask intelligent questions. Even if the answer is "None of your business," a public body, or public official, should be made to give the answer in a public hearing.

Having the secret agreement, we know to ask: "Why was this agreement made?" "What led to the agreement?" and perhaps a host of other questions.

Those are important questions for a mayor, a police chief and a mayoral candidate. Even if answers aren't necessarily satisfactory, the electorate is receiving some of the information it needs to make an intelligent decision about how, and by whom, it wants to be governed.

If the transcripts are released, they will also raise important questions. The biggest one may well be, "Why was this ever a secret in the first place?"

Having an informed electorate means more than keeping the people informed when things are done. The electorate, the people, must also understand how and why.

It may be that government bodies or officials believe in some instances that the end has justified the means, even though the means may have been a little rough and ugly. It may be, in some situations, they are right and the electorate will agree with them.

But the electorate can't agree with something it doesn't know. For that reason, the hard questions about how and why things were done must be raised and answered.

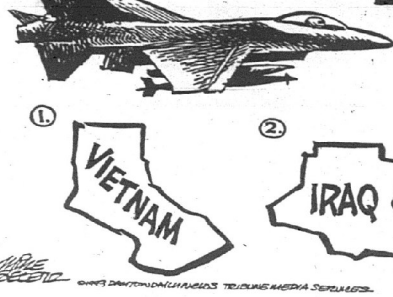
Election letters deadline set

Editor's note:

In an effort to ensure fairness in coverage, letters to the editor regarding the upcoming municipal election will only be accepted until 5 p.m. March 31.

Candidates specifically named in letters received before and printed after the deadline will be given the opportunity to respond to specific allegations.

Those letters will be subject to meticulous scrutiny and no letters regarding an election will be printed in the April 18 issue. Letters to the editor regarding topics other than election will continue to be accepted and printed throughout the election period.



WHICH AREA HAS BEEN MOST HURT BY AMERICA'S DEFENSE POLICY?

Letters

Selph kind, able, loyal, dedicated

TO THE EDITOR:

With so many candidates running for mayor, I would guess that some folks are undecided as to who to vote for, particularly if they do not have the advantage of knowing any of the candidates personally.

I would like to share some factual information with your readers about Ron Selph and I believe I am in a position to know because I and my husband have been close to Ron and admired him for over 18 years. He is married to my sister, Karen.

My focus today is on Ron Selph, the man, instead of the political candidate, because I am sure that, by now, most residents have seen his ads or flyers which highlight his qualifications and his platform. First, though, I feel compelled to make a comment about the big article about Ron featured on the front page of the March 18 issue of the *Press-Record*. I cannot imagine what or who instigated that article, since it was simply a rehash of an old matter that was resolved in 1991 where it was found that no officer, including Ron, was guilty of any wrongdoing.

I have to wonder why the word "deal" was used in that dramatic headline. That word has an unpleasant connotation to it in this instance and suggests something a little hush-hush. Anyone who bought the paper in hopes of a hot expose on Ron must have been sadly disappointed because the article itself was certainly not exciting or revealing.

Ron was not guilty of anything then and he is not guilty of anything now, unless it is of being too nice a guy who doesn't believe in the mud-slinging that some political candidates resort to.

I can proudly say that Ron has always been a completely dedicated police officer and a credit to the force. As long as we've known him, he has displayed loyalty and responsibility in any capacity in which he served.

He has always shown integrity and the desire to do the right thing in any situation he found himself in.

Ron is as intelligent plus down-to-earth and personable as anyone I have ever known. He will be an excellent negotiator and spokesman for the mayor's office.

As assistant police chief, he has had a wealth of experience in dealing with the public, the press and TV interviewers. This will be a real asset when it comes to establishing a rapport with the aldermen and the other folks he will have to deal with concerning the city's needs and problems.

This man has a kind and compassionate heart which extends to all human beings and God's creatures.

Modesty would prevent him from telling you of the many times he has helped a child in need, helped during his earlier years as the juvenile officer. He has given them money out of his own pocket many, many times so they could have some of the necessities that more fortunate children take for granted.

He would take them fishing or do other means of entertainment. He thought they would enjoy, because often the children didn't have a dad in the home.

I remember one instance when an indigent boy attempted to steal a Christmas tree. Ron and some other officers chipped in and bought his family a tree and bought his family a tree and ornaments. Ron then went out and also bought a bunch of gifts

to make that little boy's Christmas complete.

Then there was the time he bought sacks and sacks of groceries for a family where the man was out of work and could not find another job for a long time. That was when jobs were so scarce around here.

And even the time that he and another officer found a homeless female dog with a broken leg and together they paid all expenses for her surgery and recovery at a veterinarian's clinic. It was decided later that the other officer would adopt the dog, as Ron already had two.

These are not exceptional instances in Ron's life. These are the standards by which he lives his life year after year as a loving, Christian person.

When he says in his flyers that he'll be a mayor who truly cares, he means it. He is ready, willing and able to step into that mayor's office, roll up his sleeves beginning with day one and concentrate on the business of getting our city's problems corrected. And he will always be available, any day, if you need to reach him.

I hope the readers will join in in casting a vote for Ron Selph on election day.

There may be some folks who will try to prevent Ron from being elected but they are not concerned about what's good for us — only what's good for them.

Let's show them that we want what's good for us and that's Ron Selph. I predict he'll be the best mayor this city has ever had.

RUTH MITCHELL
Granite City

Band program at school is praised

TO THE EDITOR:

My husband and I had the privilege of attending the recent 50th anniversary concert presented by the Granite City High School Band, of which our eldest grandson is a member.

It made me very proud to see the continuance of the tradition of fine instrumental music program in the Granite City schools.

As I looked around the audience, I saw faces of parents and grandparents who have shared an interest in the band spanning half a century.

It is this kind of support that makes the band program strong and the district second to none.

The first number on the program was the familiar Tschai-kovsky's 1812 Overture. In the finale, the percussion section was featured on chimes and four bass drums represented the shooting of cannons, complete with simulated fireworks done with lighted effects and organ accompaniment.

The conductor, Dennis E. Meyer, and the band received a well-deserved standing ovation from the capacity audience. It was an impressive production. Mr. Meyer selected a wide range of music for this special occasion.

The venerable Louis E. Meek, conductor emeritus, directed the band in the presentation of Verdi's Overture to "La Forza del Destino." Thirty-four band alumni joined the Concert Band on this number.

Terry Waffler, former band director, directed the march, "In Storm and Sunshine." The remainder of the program was equally enjoyable.

In a day when numerous school districts are canceling their art and music programs, Granite City Community Unit School District 9, its superintendent of schools, administrators and members of the Board of Education are to be commended for their wisdom and foresight in continuing their support and pro-

motion of music education.

A student cannot be a completely educated individual learning only the "three Rs." If the aesthetic side of life is neglected, the result will be an adult deprived of culture.

To the citizens of Granite City, I would say that we are getting our money's worth in the last dollars going to our school district to support such a fine music program for our children and grandchildren. We can truly be very proud of our high school band.

CAROLYN KARRER
LEDBETTER, Granite City

Specialized staff saluted by lodge

TO THE EDITOR:

Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 272 would like to express thanks to the workers of Specialized Services.

They graced our lodge by bringing their people as our guests.

The Women of the Moose fixed and served a wonderful meal to these beautiful people.

After the table was cleared, a nice heart-shaped box of chocolates was given to each guest.

The officers of our lodge would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and we are looking forward to doing this again in the future. May God take care of and bless these beautiful people.

FLOYD MILLER
Granite City

Brown displays skills, courage

TO THE EDITOR:

As a political observer who attends many public meetings, I am convinced that the Webster Dictionary is on target when it defines a politician as one primarily interested in political office, the profit from them as a source of private gain.

As a registered voter living in a free society, on April 20 I exercise my privileges to vote in a city election, to elect a mayor to administer the affairs of our city government.

The list to choose from is unprecedented in number. In choosing, I will use the process of elimination, based on events which I have witnessed, observed and read about in the

newspapers, through the years of my interest in politics.

I prefer a mayor who possesses academics that enable him to provide good leadership and management skills, an administrator who has the courage to make changes to improve the quality of city government and still maintain public spirit.

I want the person to have Christian beliefs and a compassionate attitude toward his constituents.

Alderman Dan Brown will be my choice. His political experience, public spirit, fitness, suitability and natural disposition fit my pattern of preferences.

On April 20, I ask all of my friends to join me at the polls to elect a mayor who will be our true friend and representative. Vote for Dan Brown for mayor.

ALEX TOTH
Granite City

Opposes secret pact on probe

TO THE EDITOR:

As an attorney, I find the secret pact between the City of Granite City and (former Assistant Police Chief Ron) Selph somewhat bizarre.

This type of secret deal does not benefit anyone, Mr. Selph, the city or the public in general.

Indeed was a completed criminal investigation (involving) Mr. Selph just prior to his (retirement) and it exonerated him, that fact should have been made known then and there and we would have been done with it.

If, however, the investigation was halted because of this secret deal, was evidence suppressed?

The City Council and the general public, by the way, only became aware of the secret deal this week (March 16).

At this time, the only way this episode can be resolved in a manner that is fair to all parties concerned is for Selph, our mayor and police chief, as well as the council and the public, is for a total release of the details of any completed investigation of the investigation until such time as it is completed.

DAN BROWN
Chairman, Legal Committee
(Mayor candidate)

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Kitchen Band entertains senior group



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 251-0731.

The Joyful Noise Kitchen Band, a group of senior citizens ranging in age from the mid 50s to 91 years of age, entertained the entertainment Tuesday evening March 16, at the Pontoon Senior Citizens meeting.

Attendance prizes were won by Ralph Craycraft, Jeri Schieb and Orvil Pickett. Challenge Grigsby was presented a trophy for serving nine years as treasurer. It was announced the 1993 membership dues of one dollar are due by April 1. After April 1, a late penalty will be charged, dues will increase to two dollars. If paid after Aug. 1, the cost will be \$5. New members can still join for \$1. You must live in Pontoon Beach/Nameoki Township. Pot luck will be on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

Attending the monthly meeting were Bob and Ginny Alford, Bill and Ruth Dagon, Otto and Corine Kreher, Challie Grigsby, Lea Anderson, Ed and Glodene Van Scoyk, Everett and Alice Hudson, Emerald and Irene Dawes, Helen Niepert, Lois Snipes, Irene Karlechik, Mary Hasselbrock, Vera Bolton, Alvin Thurman, Robbie Wilson, Helen Hutton, Orvil Pickett, Ralph and Jeanita Craycraft, Mary Warren, Jim and Dianne Hill, Walt and Joan Crowell, Jeri Schieb and Dorothy Watkins.

The Bunco Club held its monthly meeting in the home of Edna Bennett Wednesday evening. Members attending were Debbie Vincent, Robbie Wilson, Sally Kirksey, Edith Rogaschnick, Verna Nelson, Linda McFarland, Karen Lemler, Linda Arnold, Peggy Milton and the hostess.

An evening of fun and songs will be held in the Pontoon Baptist Church, 4000 Highway 111, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. The Eells and their puppet friends will be performing with their music ministry.

Pontoon Senior Citizens met March 17 in the Senior Recreation Hall and enjoyed an afternoon of fun and games.

Attending were Bill Dagon, Ethel Tapp, Bob and Genny Alford, Irene Weber, Lea Anderson, Mary Venorsky, Challie Grigsby, Sheryl Fouch, Mable Stover, Jeri Schieb, Everett and Alice Hudson, Bill and Nadine Meehan, Fern Stephens, Louise Gunn, Faye Rody, Ann Riddle, Mary McShay, Nellie Fouch, Irene McCaslin, Charles Lorentz, Betty McGinnis, Linda Coyle, Verna Rhoads, Helen Hutton, Helen Cholevich, Nancy Viseman, Ella Mainor, Sylvia Massman, Eloise Carrico, George and Gladys Bass, Laura Lee Purcell, Ruby Hickling, Edna Webster, John Taralvaioa, Lucille Martin, Amanda Langston, Stanley and Loretta Golab, Helen Niepert, Mil Gross, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Jean Horstmeier and Lottie Ostresch.

Recruiter wins

Army's Gold Badge

Sgt. Cedric A. Broyles, recruiter for the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Cahokia, received the Army's Gold Badge Recruiting Award, with the first sapphire star recently.

The Gold Badge is awarded Army recruiters who achieve excellence in meeting recruiting standards, according to officials at the Recruiting Battalion headquarters in St. Louis.

Broyles is a 1982 graduate of Northwest High School in St. Louis and has been in the Army since 1983.

Broyles took his basic and advanced individual training at Fort Dix, N.J. His other military schools include the Primary Leadership Development Course and the Army Recruiting Course.

In addition to the Army's Gold Badge, his awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Overseas Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon.

He, his wife, Sherron, and their son reside at the Granite City Army Depot.

3 sates seeking Nameoki Township posts

Karlechik heads Concerned party

Candidates on the Concerned About Nameoki ticket are: Irene Karlechik, 70, supervisor candidate, resides in the 4100 block of Lake Drive. She has a son and a daughter, both adults, and three grandchildren.

Born in St. Louis, Karlechik has been a resident of the area for 42 years. She is a retired secretary for Granite City School District and a trustee for the Long Lake Fire Protection District.

She is currently active in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens group and in the Belleville Area College Retired Senior Volunteer Program. She lists the ability to relate to and solve any and all problems of the township as her qualifications, and said she will be available in the township regularly, as opposed to a part-time basis.

"I am willing to work with and listen to all the taxpayers of the township," Karlechik said.

Judy K. Merritt, 37, is the CAN candidate for clerk. She resides on Iris Avenue with her husband, Jack. They have a daughter, Mandy, age 12.

Merritt has resided in this area for 20 years, and is a state licensed cosmetologist and a college student. She has been manager of two local hair salons, a sales clerk and a small-business owner.

She is a member in Precinct 9, vice chairman of the township committee organization, and an executive board member of the Madison County Democratic Party.

A member of the Pontoon Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Grigsby Parents and Teachers Association, she is a former commissioner and treasurer of the Pontoon Beach Library Board and a member of the Pontoon beautification committee.

Merritt cited her management experience, office computer skills, and compassion and sincere concern for the community.

"With my qualifications, I will bring professionalism to the office of town clerk. The past and present clerks have passed their duties on to someone else. Consequently, the taxpayers pay two salaries for one position. This is disgraceful and another example of waste of tax money."

"I can't even imagine why we are paying someone to take and type the minutes of the meetings when that is the clerk's job," Merritt said.

Loren Madison, 52, is the party's candidate for highway commissioner. He lives on Jones Park Drive, and has an adult daughter.

Born in Hartford, Madison has resided in this area for 43 years. He is a retired steelworker at Granite City Steel, has been a trustee in Pontoon (See CONCERNED, Page 7A)

Ken Davis heads Improvement ticket

The Township Improvement Party ticket includes: Ken Davis, 50, is running for supervisor. He and his wife, Janet, reside on Shirwin Drive and have two adult sons.

Davis, a manager for the Sewerage Treatment Division of the Metro East Sanitary District, was born in Granite City and is a lifelong area resident. He was self-employed for 25 years in the professional recruiting field.

President of Madison County Township Officials, he is chairman of the Nameoki Township Precinct Committee, chairman of the Horseshoe Lake Resource Planning Committee and co-chairman of the Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes. A member of Ellis Lodge 1063, he is a committee member in Precinct 7, and has been a township trustee since 1985.

Davis cited his 30 years of management in private business, his eight years on the Town Board, where he has served as chairman of the Finance Committee, and his leadership roles within his neighborhood, township and county associations as his qualifications.

"As supervisor, my top priority will be to continue to meet with area legislators and push vigorously for equitable changes in our property tax laws."

"As co-chairman of Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes, I am assisting the petition drive currently being conducted in the Metro East area. I introduced the resolution passed recently by the Town Board to reduce elected officials' salaries in order to emphasize the responsibility of elected officials to respond to the citizens they represent," Davis said.

"I also intend to boost the groundswell being formed in Illinois to bring property taxes under control. I will immediately examine our levies, budgets and expenditures and make appropriate recommendations."

"It will also be a top priority to collect the taxes being held in escrow, plus the taxes now due since initiating and winning the annexation litigation. This will not only continue but also further strengthen the financial stability of Nameoki Township," Davis said.

He said that improving drainage and stormwater control will be priorities to help enhance economic development, and that free health services for residents will become an annual event in the township.

Current supervisor Lee Ridgeway, 66, is seeking the office of clerk, which he held for 12 years before becoming supervisor four years ago upon the death of Harry Briggs. He and his wife, Betty June, have two adult sons and reside on Victoria Drive in Pontoon Beach.

Born in Madison, Ridgeway has resided in the Pontoon Beach area for 23 years. He is in materials management at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and has worked for Shell Oil Co., has been a small-town manager and has been in real estate. He is vice chairman of the board for Processors American Credit Union.

He cited his past experience as clerk, his ability to deal with people and his business management experience as qualifications.

"I believe I have the most experience and best qualifications for the job of township clerk, and I will work for the betterment of the township within the boundaries of the tax structure," Ridgeway said.

William "Bill" Ellis, 52, is the TIP candidate for highway commissioner. He and his wife, Sondra, live on Arlington Drive in (See IMPROVEMENT, Page 6A)

Whitsell tops slate for Positive

The Positive Action Party slate consists of: Louis "Lou" Whitsell, 56, is the PAP candidate for supervisor. He and his wife, Dell, a current trustee in the township, are seeking re-election, reside on Westgate Drive and have five daughters.

Whitsell has held public office for 25 years as a committeeman, township clerk, township supervisor, Madison County Board member, and trustee on the Pontoon Beach Village Board. He is employed at Marquette Tool and Die Co. in St. Louis as chief engineer and tooling supervisor.

Whitsell is a member of Masonic Lodge 877, the Illinois Municipal League and Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve.

He cited his knowledge and experience as qualifications.

"I have organized and directed many programs that are successful for this area, such as the Madison County sewers, new fire stations and equipment for the Long Lake and State Park Fire Districts, a new building for Nameoki Township, mosquito abatement and trash and limb pickup. I have drafted and received federal and state grants and never once raised township taxes, nor have I ever borrowed money for the township or road district, and I always balanced the budget."

"This contrasts to the zero progress or programs of the present township government that each year borrows money (against) next year's taxes just to make their payroll," Whitsell said.

Incumbent Helen Hawkins, 63, is seeking re-election for clerk under the PAP banner. She and her husband, Hubert, live in the 2600 block of Angela Drive and have two adult children.

Born in Detroit, Hawkins has resided in this area for 30 years. She is a teacher aide at Parkway Elementary School and was previously a supervisor for Famous-Barr. She is a member of the Women of the Moose, Elkettes, and the Citizens Utility Board, AMVETS Auxiliary 31, American Legion Auxiliary 113 and Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens. She is a precinct committeeman and former trustee.

She cited her persistence, experience and willingness to work hard as qualifications.

"I think I am more qualified for the office because of my dedication to township government," Hawkins said.

Harry "Butch" Blockley, 47, candidate for highway commissioner, owns and operates B&G Auto Body at 4257 Reveille Lane in Pontoon Beach, where he and his wife, Renee, reside. They have two sons.

(See POSITIVE, Page 8A)

YOUTH FOCUS: Would free contraceptives and information help reduce teen pregnancies? Why? Why not?

By Pam Doecke-Hurd.

Julie Goclan, Granite City
"No, I believe contraceptives should have no place in high schools anywhere in this country. Teenagers who are responsible and mature enough to have sex should also be mature enough to obtain birth control on their own."

Tara Wyatt, Granite City
"Yes, I think free contraceptives and information would help reduce teen pregnancy. At first I thought that free contraceptives would promote more promiscuity in teens, but I decided that most teens that are having sex will do it anyway, even if free contraceptives aren't offered and they may not be using any protection. In conclusion, free contraceptives may seem like a very liberated idea, but in the long run might lessen teenage pregnancy."

Ann Marie Hewlett, Granite City
"Yes, I think free contraceptives and information would reduce the possibility of teen pregnancy. I feel that this idea would work only if the teens were educated about teen pregnancy. Contraceptives are vital in preventing pregnancy and with some education they just might make a difference."

Jennifer Simon, Granite City
"Yes, I think free contraceptives would help reduce teen pregnancy. Even if I believe that, if students are mature enough to have sex, they should also be mature enough to take care of their responsibilities on their own."

Julie Goclan
Joyce Robinson, Venice
"Yes and no. If you understand the information and know how to use the contraceptives, 99 percent of the time it would work, but the other 1 percent of the time teenagers will end up pregnant or have a transmitted disease. So, be careful."

Sam Apponey, Madison
"Condom distribution would not slow down birth rates among teens. Some don't believe in this form of contraception; others would neglect them if they had them. Free condoms may sound good but they probably would not be used."

Derrick Hall, Madison
"If the school gives out free contraceptives, more people would have sex but less would get pregnant."

Cedric E. Wiley, Venice
"My opinion is that it would help to reduce teen pregnancy. I think teens should get as much information about sex as possible. I think we should be more responsible. I also think that high schools should introduce students to a sex education class, to help reduce the big problem of teen pregnancy."

Marvin Rhodes, Madison
"Free contraceptives and information would be helpful. If it was issued by the school, because kids at this age need to be enlightened on this very delicate subject."

Christina Malherch, Venice
"Yes, for some who are embarrassed to buy them, but no for those who at the moment don't want to bother with contraceptives."

Ann Marie Hewlett
Carla Corbett, Venice
"I think for the most part that it would reduce teen pregnancy. Most teens, I feel, are discouraged by the high price of the better contraceptives available."

Andrew Bradley, Venice
"Yes. Because it makes contraceptives more available to teens and teens more aware of the consequences of teen pregnancies."

Dan Clark, Granite City
"I think that it would reduce teen pregnancy because young adults would be better informed about the risk of having sex and therefore take greater precaution in having safe sex."

Jennifer Simon
Matt Szarzynski, Madison
"No. Because there are already many ways to get contraceptives and people still don't get them."

Bill Clark, Granite City
"Yes, I think free contraceptives and information would help reduce teen pregnancy. Contraception is expensive, and most teens would think about birth control more if it were free. Most teens are curious and are going to explore their sexuality. Free birth control would help the situation more than harm it. Easy access to free information on teen pregnancy would be a good benefit. Along with helping in the prevention of teen pregnancy, it would also inform them on sexually transmitted diseases. Information and free contraception is a good idea worth investing in."



Anita Wells, left, and her mother, Brenda Weston

Mom, daughter fulfill lifelong dream

Brenda Weston, 43, of Granite City and Anita Wells, 22, of Madison have more in common than the fact they are both students at Belleville Area College. Each is about to realize a lifelong dream — to be a nurse.

Weston and Wells are more than classmates too. Brenda Weston and Anita Wells are mother and daughter. They both entered the nursing program at BAC in 1990 and will graduate this May.

"I have wanted to be a nurse ever since I was a little girl," said Weston. "I left high school before I graduated and got married."

She said she had three children and didn't have the money or the time to go back to school. She took the GED (high school equivalency) in 1979 and her daughter, Anita, received a GED in 1989. She also left high school early to marry and has a four-year-old daughter.

"When my mother said she was going to school to become a nurse, I said I wanted to go too."

Now they both enjoy the

friendly competition to see who makes the highest grades.

"We usually flip-flop as to who gets the best grades," said Anita. "One time, I will do better on a test, then, the next time, my mother will."

Anita's daughter, Amber, didn't understand, at first, that her mother had to spend time studying. Now she knows the routine.

"She sits by me with her paper and pencil and does her homework, too. She also has her own stethoscope. She said she is going to be a nurse, too."

Anita received a scholarship, a Pell Grant, and student loans to attend BAC. She plans to continue with college to earn a bachelors' degree after graduation from BAC.

Brenda worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Granite City for nearly 11 years, as a nurses' aide and in the lab. She also received a scholarship and still works part-time at the hospital.

Both Anita and Brenda said they encourage their friends to take that first step to follow a dream.

Anita will be volunteering to do health screenings at the "Women of the '90s" conference on Saturday at BAC, 2500 Carlyle Road in Belleville.

Fashion and image consultant Markus Bluestein will demonstrate his miracle makeovers for women of the '90s, while television anchor and reporter Jennifer Blome shares anecdotes about life on and off camera on network news. The program begins with sign-in at 7:30 a.m., followed by exhibits and health screenings, and sessions of interest to women.

Tickets for the conference are \$25. Registrations are accepted in advance, by phone, with a credit card, at 233-7750, ext. 5545, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The conference will provide women with the opportunity to explore many topics, according to organizers at BAC and Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

"I don't think it's ever too late to go to school," said Brenda. "It takes a lot of self-discipline, but it's worth it when you can make your dreams come true."

Improvement

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Collinsville and have three adult children.

Born in Murphysboro, he is a lifelong area resident and a maintenance welder at Granite City Steel. He is a 32-year member of the State Park Volunteer Department.

Ellis, having served as chief for 23 years, sits on the Madison County Firemen's executive board and has been a Collinsville School Board member for 13 years.

"He cited 32 years of management experience and 30 years of experience in maintenance and construction as his qualifications."

"If elected, I will work for quality work on roads and ditches, with emphasis on cost analysis and budgetary guidance for a better tax structure for the road district," Ellis said.

Incumbent Carl Macios, 58, of Cambridge Drive, is seeking reelection as assessor under the TIP banner.

He and his wife, JoAnn, have six adult children.

Born in Granite City, Macios is a lifetime area resident. He retired in 1991 from McDonnell-Douglas, where he was a cost engineer. He is a member of Triangle Fraternity and American Steel Foundries. He is a member of AMVETS Post 204 and Granite City Elks Lodge 1063.

He is committeeman in precinct 12, and has been the assessor since 1974. He also served on the Granite City School Board from 1967-76 and has served as a trustee on the Town Board.

He cited his certification as an Illinois assessing officer as his qualification.

"As assessor, I will continue to provide quality services to all taxpayers, as I have done for the past 19 years. I will continue to look out for and work with the taxpayer and senior citizen by providing them with all information that is required for Senate Bill 1790, the Homestead Act and the benefits of the Circuit Breaker," Macios said.

"One of my top priorities is to continue to meet with area legislators to bring about equitable changes in our tax laws. As co-chairman of the Citizens for Equality in Property Taxes, I am assisting in the petition drive currently being conducted in the Tri-Cities area."

Jeanette Wilson, 52, is seeking the position of tax collector. She and her husband, Don, live in the 2000 block of Beckwith Avenue in Madison and have three adult children.

Born in Tennessee, Wilson has been an area resident for 50 years. She is a secretary/office manager for the Kinder Agency Inc.

Wilson said she is running in order to eliminate the position. Since the collector position is a non-funded position in Nameoki Township, I am running in order to help fill a full slate of candidates. I will resign when elected and ask the people of Madison County to go along with the Township Improvement Party and abolish the collector position by referendum," Wilson said.

Trustee candidates on the TIP ticket include Sam Stoyanoff, Wade Rollins, incumbent Trustee Steve Isenbourg and current Highway Commissioner W. Lee Adams.

Stoyanoff, 62, resides on Pearl Court with his wife, Delores. They have two adult children.

Born in Granite City, he is a lifelong resident. He is a custodian for the Granite City School District.

Adams, 59, and his wife, Elizabeth, live in the 4500 block of Highway 162.

They have three adult children.

Born in Carroll, Tenn., Adams has lived in this area for 44 years. He has been a Teamster for 19 years, and has been employed by the Granite City School District for 23 years.

He served in the U.S. Army for four years, is a member of Masonic Lodge 877, Aina Temple Shrine Club, and is a past chief of the Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department with 20 years of service. He has served as trustee in the past for 12 years, and has served as township auditor.

He cited his 20 years in township government as qualifications.

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road work. He is a member of the Madison Lions Club, Masonic lodges, Aina Temple Shrine and VFW.

He cited his administrative and supervisory experience and 15 years of business ownership as qualifications.

"I would like the opportunity to serve this community because I would to work for an efficient operation of government for all the taxpayers in Nameoki Township," Rollins said.

Isenbourg, 48, lives in the 4700 block of Nameoki Road and has a son and a daughter.

Born in Peoria, Isenbourg has resided in this area for 25 years. He holds a bachelor of science degree from Illinois State University, and is a teacher at Coolidge Junior High School. He is past exalted ruler of Granite City Elks Lodge 1063 and former township tax collector.

"He cited experience, dedication, knowledge, cooperation, and vision as his qualifications."

"I intend to continue current programs for bringing sewers and water to all township residents, an arroyo drainage program, responsible residential and commercial growth, and tax relief," Isenbourg said.

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SIUE professor is nominated for nursing award

Mary Ann Boyd, associate professor of nursing at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, has been selected as one of 15 finalists for the fourth annual Tribute to Missouri Nurses Awards.

Boyd was chosen from a field of 378 nominations. Applications for the nominees were divided into three categories — patient care, education/research, and administration — and given to a selection committee for review. Members of the committee were provided with basic criteria, then each nomination was examined on its own merit. Fifteen finalists were chosen from that group, with special honors going

to three nominees from the patient care category, and one each from administration and education/research.

The finalists will be honored at a dinner April 24 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis. At that time, those receiving special honors will be announced.

Boyd has been associated with the university since 1977. She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Indiana University, a master of science degree in nursing from Washington University, a doctorate in education from St. Louis University, and a doctorate in nursing science from Indiana University. In addition, she is a certified

clinical specialist in adult psychiatric and mental health nursing through the Council of Specialists in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing in Kansas City.

Boyd coordinates the University's Excellence Undergraduate Education program, an initiative developed to support excellence in undergraduate scholarly activities.

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Beach for 22 years, and served for two years as the village treasurer.

He cited the fact that he is chairman of the Road Committee in Pontoon Beach as his qualifications.

"I intend to improve the services provided by the highway department to the people of Pontoon Beach," Madison said.

"I intend to improve and operate a more efficient and better equipped department."

James Noeth, 61, candidate for assessor, resides in the 2500 block of Ivy Lane with his wife, Mildred. They have four adult children.

Born in Granite City, Noeth has resided in this area most of his life. He is in real estate management, and has worked at Granite City Steel and as an educator, a school counselor, a farmer, a truck driver and an insurance broker.

He received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Shurtleff College and a master's degree in education administration from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and has taken postgraduate classes in counseling and mathematics at Florida State University, the University of Missouri and SIU at Edwardsville.

Noeth is a member of the Granite City Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Elks, American Legion, Illinois Association of School Boards, and the PTA. He has served on the board of the Organization for the Advancement of the Handicapped, Parents Plus and the Chamber of Commerce.

He is committeeman in Precinct 6, and serves on the Granite City School Board.

He cited his computer skills and real estate and insurance background as qualifications, and said he plans to enroll soon in courses designed for assessors in order to meet all statutory requirements.

"I intend to modernize and streamline the local assessor's office, making it a professional office accessible to the public at the township building and with a computer link to the county mainframe. I feel the local assessor — not the county — should do the assessing so as to get rid of the unfair multiplier," Noeth said.

Shirley Harper, 48, is the CAN candidate for tax collector. She lives at the Holiday Mobile Home Park and has four adult children.

Born in Owensville, Mo., she has resided in this area for 30 years. She is a service merchandise chandler in St. Louis, and has been a cosmetologist and in the past worked for Southwest Bell Telephone. She has taken real estate and computer programming classes.

Harper is a member of the Lions Club and has served as a Red Cross volunteer. "I have a sincere desire to eliminate the waste of the taxpayers' money, a knowledge of the public's concern and the ability to get the job done," Harper said.

"As the office of tax collector serves no purpose, I will petition for legislation to abolish the position, thus freeing up tax money that could be better used for other purposes," she said. Trustee candidates on the CAN ticket are Charles Luehmann, Charles E. Reed, Harold "Gene" Briggs and incumbent Joseph Garcia.

Luehmann, 64, lives in Fairway Estates. He has five adult children.

Born in Nameoki Township, he has resided in this area all his life. He is a farmer and served in the U.S. Army for two years before being honorably discharged in January 1953. He was committeeman in Precinct 7 from 1984-88.

He cited his activity in township and community affairs as his qualifications.

"I intend to improve efficiency and services for all Nameoki Township residents," Luehmann said.

Reed, 61, and his wife, Nelda, live in the 2000 block of Sken Street in Madison. They have five adult children.

Born in Collinsville, Reed has lived in this area for 60 years. He is a retired sewer worker and bus driver.

Chairman of the Cloverleaf/East Madison Fire District, he has been committeeman in Precinct 2 since 1984, and is a Madison County Democratic Party board member.

"I know the needs of Nameoki Township," Reed said.

"We need sewers in my area and in State Park. We need drainage in many areas of the township. It is time for someone from East Madison to be on the Town Board."

Briggs, 66, resides in the 3200 block of Wilshire Drive with his wife, Elizabeth. They have two adult sons.

Born in West Granite, Briggs has resided in this area all his life. A retired teacher and school administrator, Briggs is a former Madison County regional superintendent of schools.

He holds a bachelor's degree from McKendree College, a master's degree from SIU at Carbondale, an education degree from SIU at Edwardsville and an honorary doctor of laws degree from McKendree.

Briggs is a member of the Elks, Eagles, Madison AMVETS, Madison VFW, Retired Officers' Association and Phi Delta Kappa.

He cited his 30 years of experience in decision-making and his knowledge of government as qualifications.

"The major part of my adult life has been devoted to serving others," Briggs said.

"I would like to continue this. I believe I have something to offer the people of Nameoki Township."

Garcia, 71, lives in the 2200 block of Miracle Avenue.

Born in St. Louis, he is retired from Granite City School District 9 and has worked at American Steel Foundries and Nesco. He has been active in the Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens group, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW Post 1300, AMVETS Post 204 and

Eagles. He is currently a trustee and precinct committeeman in the township.

He cited his past record of service as qualifications. "I have served Nameoki Township as committeeman for 20 years and trustee for 12 years. During this time, I have served on many committees for the good of the township residents. I feel that I have served to the best of my ability, honesty and integrity, and wish to continue to serve in this capacity," Garcia said.

Revival to start at Bethesda

Bethesda Baptist Church, 3035 Nameoki Drive, Granite City, will be in a spring revival beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning March 28. There will be nightly services at 7 p.m. March 28-31.

The evangelist for the event will be Rev. Leslie Atkins of Millington, Tenn. Rev. Atkins is a native of Granite City and graduated from the Granite City South High School.

Rev. Atkins is married and has two daughters. He has attended Hannibal-La-Grange College in Hannibal, Mo., Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas, and is presently attending Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tenn. He is currently youth minister of Raleigh North Baptist Church in Millington.

Wayne Shockley, music director of the local church, will be leading the music nightly. There will be a special music night. Rev. Luther Abbott, church pastor, invites the public to attend this special event.

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Obituaries



Irene Haug

Edith Irene (Mathews) Haug, 84, of Granite City died at 3:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where she had been a patient three months. She had been ill several years.

Born in Granite City on Feb. 8, 1909, she was a lifelong resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church and its Women's Circle, the Order of the Eastern Star, Gabriel White Shrine, Royal Neighbors, Visiting Nurses Association and Ladies Coterie and served as past national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans.

Survivors include her son, Lonnie L. Haug of Gorham, Ill.; her daughter, Julia N. Ward of Granite City; a brother, M. Ellis Mathews of Granite City; four sisters, Alta M. Turner of Green Lake, Wis., and Opal Landman, Marjorie Dancy and Dorothea Jones, all of Granite City; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred H. Haug, who died in 1983; her parents, Mark and Ella (Daniel) Mathews; a brother, Earl Mathews; and a sister, Golda Boyle.

Visitation was held Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2235 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where services were held at 11 a.m. today by the Rev. Dr. Sunset Trotter. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

Robert Simpson

Robert W. Simpson, 59, of Granite City, formerly of Collinsville, died at 6:10 a.m. Monday, March 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. He had been ill for five months.

Born in Desloge, Mo., on March 17, 1934, he had been a resident of Granite City for five years. He was a machine operator for eight years at Clavin Cabinet Co., St. Louis, and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include his brother, Harold D. Simpson of Collinsville, and two sisters, Marilyn Ruth Jones and Loretta Gibson, both of Bonne Terre, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel (Treaster) Simpson; his parents, Dee and Frankie (Wigger) Simpson; a brother, Donald L. Simpson, who died in 1986; and two sisters, Norma Jean Meeker, who died in 1980, and Bonnie L. Herring, who died in 1985.

There will be no visitation. His remains were cremated. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, at St. John Cemetery, 2901 N. Broadway, Granite City, with the Rev. Jack Kelly officiating. Arrangements are by Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Road.

Memorials are suggested for the charity of the donor's choice.

Forrest Barnett

Forrest Barnett, 71, of Cahokia died Monday, March 22, 1993, at Centerville Township Hospital.

Born in Murphysboro, Ill., on April 17, 1921, he retired in 1982 as a parts handler for General Motors St. Louis, where he worked for over 33 years. He was a member of United Auto Workers Local 25 and Freeburg Masonic Lodge 418 and was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include two daughters, Carlene Johnson of Cahokia and Stella Roseman of Granite City; six sons, Carl Barnett Jr. of Cahokia, Kenneth J. Barnett and Dale Haefner, both of Troy, Fred Barnett and Daniel Haefner, both of St. Louis, and Kasey Barnett of Centerville; a sister, Gloria Fischer of Murphysboro; a brother, Dean Barnett of Murphysboro; 37 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Stella I. (Wirtz) Barnett; his parents, John and Martha (McCoy) Barnett; two brothers, Dallas Barnett and Carl Barnett Sr.; and two sisters, Lillie Harris and Wanda Barnett.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today at St. John's Catholic Church, 9900 St. Clair Ave., Fairview Heights, with the Rev. Hal Santos officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Belleville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.

Donelda Holzum

Donelda J. (Morgan) Holzum, 71, of Granite City, formerly of St. Charles, Mo., died at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at St. Anthony's Medical Center, St. Louis, where she had been a patient since Feb. 17. She was ill since 1984.

Born in Sandusky, Ohio, on June 18, 1921, she had been a resident of Granite City since 1977. She was employed for 11 years as a bus driver for Greyhound Bus Co. until disability retirement in 1971. She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Holzum, whom she married Nov. 8, 1969, in Granite City; three daughters, Dorothy Morrison of Granite City, Cecelia Alonso of Newburg, Mo., and Donelda Smith of Collinsville; two sons, Karl Schroeder of Granite City, and Douglas Schroeder of Casey, Ill.; a sister, Hazel Marquis of Smithton, Mo.; 27 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Stephen and Adelaide Holzum; her mother and two brothers, Glen and Harold Morgan.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Marys Road, Granite City, where preliminary services will be held at 6:30 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Pontoon and Johnson roads, Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested for St. John's Children's Research Hospital.

Floyd Taylor

Floyd K. "Bud" Taylor, 72, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, March 19, 1993, at Broward General Hospital in Florida.

Born in Granite City on May 4, 1920, he had been a resident of Fort Lauderdale for the past 33 years and a former 40-year resident of Granite City.

He was employed as an operator for John H. Taylor Moving and Storage, Granite City. He was of the Presbyterian faith and served as exalted ruler of Elks Lodge 1063 in Granite City in 1950-51.

Survivors include two sisters, Violet Thruau of Charlotte, N.C., and Betty Doughty of Pleasant Hills, Calif.; a brother, John Taylor of Salem, Ore.; two stepdaughters, Pamela and Elizabeth, both of Columbia, S.C.; and Sheila Leibold of Anchorage, Alaska; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dottie Taylor, and his parents, John H. and Nellie Mae (Wilkinson) Taylor.

Funeral service will be held Sunday, March 21, in Fort Lauderdale. Cremation and burial also took place in Fort Lauderdale.

Shelia Willis

Shelia Willis, 33, of Madison was pronounced dead in her apartment at 8:09 p.m. Friday, March 19, 1993, the victim of multiple stab wounds.

Born Dec. 29, 1959, she was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area. She was a member of New Salem Baptist Church, Venice.

Survivors include her mother, Mary Willis of Madison; a daughter, Camekia Willis of Madison; a sister, Aleria Willis of Collinsville; and five brothers, Harvey Willis, James A. Willis and Algie Willis, all of Madison, Laron Willis of Alton, and Todd Willis of Mount Vernon.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, at Officer Training Building on six consecutive Thursdays beginning April 1.

The sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 15, 22 and 29 and May 6 at the Mental Health Services building, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City.

The workshop is open to any adult 18 or older and is designed to teach persons to communicate more effectively and learn to be assertive.

The cost is \$5 per session plus \$6 for a workbook. All six sessions may be attended for \$25 if paid before or at the first session.

For more information or to register, the number is 877-4420.

William Snedecor

William Robert Snedecor, 73, of Collinsville, a retired Frohardt Elementary School teacher, died at 5:26 a.m. Monday, March 15, 1993, at Barnes Extended Care Center, Clayton, Mo.

Born in Middletown, Ill., on April 10, 1919, he was employed as a teacher for Collinsville Unit 10 and Granite City Unit 9 (Frohardt School from 1940 to 1980).

Temple, Scottish Rite of Belleville, the American Federation of Teachers, Collinsville School Board, American Legion Post 365 in Collinsville, Bi State Red Cross and a lifetime member of the PTA. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly (James) Snedecor, whom he married June 28, 1947, in St. Louis; four daughters, Irene Pappas of St. Louis, Donna Jensen of Collinsville, Dorene Donayre of San Pedro, Calif., and Versa E. Stokes of Elvins, Mo.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John J. and Elizabeth (Yates) Snedecor; seven brothers; and one sister.

Services were held Thursday, March 18, at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home, Collinsville, with the Rev. Larry Moore officiating. Burial was at St. John Cemetery, Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Red Cross Fund or First Assembly of God Church in Collinsville.

Julianna Kukarola

Julianna (Harizal) Kukarola, 79, of Carbondale died at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 23, 1993, at Memorial Hospital, Carbondale.

Born in Granite City on May 4, 1913, she was a homemaker and formerly an active member of the Sacred Heart (now Holy Family) Catholic Church, Granite City. For the last few years, she was a resident of the Abbey Nursing Home, Carbondale.

Survivors include her daughter, Judith Eaton of Carbondale; three brothers, Andrew, John and William Harizal of Granite City; three sisters, Mary West of Belleville, Leona Straka of Park Forest South and Veronica Mang of Granite City; one granddaughter and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph F. Kukarola, whom she married June 6, 1936, and who died Jan. 23, 1964; and her parents, Andrew B. and Ella (Diak) Harizal.

Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. today at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2606 Washington Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Weiss officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements were by Meredith Funeral Home, Carbondale.

Memorials are suggested for the Southern Illinois Area Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 409 N. Third St., Carbondale, Ill. 62901 or Masses.

Mary Mitchell

Mary Katherine Mitchell, 61, of East St. Louis died at 5:05 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 1993, at Calvin D. Johnson Nursing Home, Belleville.

Born in Venice on Nov. 15, 1931, she was a lifelong resident of the Metro East area. She was a member of the Ira Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Mitchell of East St. Louis; nine children, Fedora Whiteley of Washington Park, Lucretia D. Wallace of University City, Constantine Mitchell of Granite City, A. Burrell, Tara L. Burrell and Glenda Y. Burrell, all of East St. Louis; and three daughters, Renata D. Mitchell and Daquisha Mitchell, both of Centerville; five siblings, the Rev. James Burrell and Ollie Mitchell of East St. Louis, and two daughters, Florissant, Mo., and Ethel Dumas and Lubrida Williams, both of East St. Louis; and 22 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 26, 1993, at Pontoon General Home Chapel, 2114 Missouri Ave., East St. Louis. Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday at Ira Grove Free Will Baptist Church, East St. Louis. Burial will be at Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt.

Assertive training set

Jan Fecteau of Mental Health Services of Southern Madison County will present an Assertive Training Workshop on six consecutive Thursdays beginning April 1.

The sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 15, 22 and 29 and May 6 at the Mental Health Services building, 50 Northgate Industrial Drive, Granite City.

The workshop is open to any adult 18 or older and is designed to teach persons to communicate more effectively and learn to be assertive.

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Born in East St. Louis, Blockley has resided in this area for about 30 years.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, including 13 months in Vietnam. He has been employed as a laborer in local 42, and in heavy construction, building roads and bridges, with Teamsters Local 525.

He was the assistant manager for the Canada Dry Bottling plant and was employed three years by the township highway department. Blockley and his wife are members of VFW, the DAV, Heart of America Walking Horse Association and the St. Louis Drag Boat Association.

He said his goal is to build potholes, rather than temporary, roads in the township.

"I am sure my business experience will help organize the highway department into an active part of township government, with service a high priority," he said.

He will present all programs to the supervisor and Town Board to give the citizens an opportunity to input.

Blockley said he is seeking the assessor's position. He and his wife, Dianna, live on Fontainebleau Drive with their three children.

A lifelong resident of this area, Blockley has an assessment is a general foreman pipefit. He is a licensed/certified official with the Public Drinking Water Program for the state of Missouri, and is an instructor at Belleville Area College. He volunteers his time as a member of Local 562 Pipefitters for 16 years.

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everyone aware of all tax exemptions that are available to the homeowners of the township but that are not offered unless you personally apply for them.

"I will keep all senior citizens informed of the Homestead Exemption. I strongly encourage government of the people administered by civic-minded leaders who have the best interests of the township as their priority and who cannot be influenced by anyone other than the people they represent," Barthelemy said.

Peggy Lachmiller, 33, is the PAP candidate for collector. She and her husband, Raymond, reside in the 4000 block of Garden Lane.

Lachmiller is a member of People for Ethical Treatment of Animals, Green Peace, and Amnesty International. Disabled since 1987, she has participated in activities promoting disabled, handicapped and homeless individuals. She has lobbied for Illinois Public Aid in Springfield and campaigned in elections for her father and other Illinois candidates.

Trustee candidates on the PAP slate are Randy Ballew, Charles "Buddy" Favier, Michael Nance and Ruth Anderson.

Ballew, 35, and his wife, Robin, reside in the 2300 block of Katie Lynn. They have a daughter, Erin, 13.

Born in St. Louis, Ballew is a lifelong resident of this area. A distribution coordinator for Air Products and Chemicals, he holds a bachelor's degree in business management from SIU at Edwardsville.

He cited his experience as his best qualification.

"The experience I have in resolving conflict and achieving goals is my best qualification," Ballew said.

"I can apply my 14 years of management experience to successfully perform the trustee duties. I, along with the Positive Action ticket, can give the township the leadership it needs."

Favier, 56, lives on Esquire Drive with his wife, Mary. They have one daughter.

Born in Granite City, Favier is a lifelong resident of this area. He has been a millwright for Granite City Steel for the past 22 years, and was elected vice president and shop steward for Steelworkers Local 30 and joint committee, shop steward and safety representative for Local 16.

He has been a trustee for the

Briefly

Butler honors Robert Haack

Robert R. Haack of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at Butler University in Indianapolis for the fall 1992-93 semester.

Robert is a sophomore majoring in actuarial science with a grade point average of 3.9 on a scale of 4.0. In addition, he has recently completed the first in a series of exams given by the Society of Actuaries.

Robert is the son of Richard and Fran Haack of Granite City.



Haack

2 named to honor list

The University of Missouri-Rolla has announced that two local students made the honor list for the winter semester.

Those on the list carried a minimum of 12 hours and had grade point averages of 3.2 or above out of a possible 4.0.

Named to the list were Neil D. Dettwiler of Granite City, a senior majoring in Computer Science; and Robert Brian Ribbing of Granite City, a freshman majoring in Engineering.

Seiz cited by pharmacy school

Brian James Seiz of Granite City has been named to the dean's list at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy for the 1992-93 fall semester.

Seiz is the son of Jim and Diane Seiz, and is a 1992 graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

ISU honors Rebecca Garcia

Rebecca Marie Garcia of Granite City has qualified for inclusion in the dean's list at Iowa State University.

David C. Glenn-Lewin, interim dean at ISU, congratulated Garcia: "There is nothing more gratifying to a teacher than to see a strong performance by students; and I know you are a source of pride to your family and friends as well. Thank you for representing so admirably the educational goals of this college." Rebecca is a graduate of Granite City Senior High School.

Gargac to sing with choir

Anne Gargac was selected to sing with the St. Louis Metro District of the Missouri Music Educators Association Honors Choir at Francis Howell North High School.

The choir performed under the direction of Raynard Brown of Lebanon, Mo., a renowned choir conductor from the South-Central region of MMEA.

Anne is a junior at St. Elizabeth Academy in St. Louis and is the daughter of Donald and Mary Ann Gargac of Granite City.



"Picture the Music" Contest winners at Wilson Elementary School are: front row, from left, Christine Brand, Melodi Winters, Keith Shuppert, Angel Smith; back row, from left, Alicia Popilchak, music teacher at Wilson School; Kris Riskovsky, Randall Simmons and Amy Wilson.

Wilson students in music contest

The 1993 "Picture the Music" contest, sponsored by St. Louis Symphony Orchestra was held in February at Wilson Elementary School. Music students of Alicia Popilchak studied several orchestral selections performed on tape by the world-renowned symphony orchestra. After their study, contestants drew pictures depicting a particular selection they studied.

One winning picture was selected from each grade level. Those pictures have been submitted to the St. Louis contest for further judging later this month.

All Wilson contestants received certificates of participation. Trophies and certificates were also awarded for honorable mention and top winners at a recognition assembly hosted by the Wilson School principal, Kathleen McBride, earlier in the month.

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Prather Elementary students will jump into the fight against heart disease today.

Jump Rope For Heart, an annual event that raises funds for the American Heart Association, is expected to draw more than 150 students this year. The American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and local physical education teachers sponsor the event.

Students will ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them by donating money for each minute their team jumps in the event.

The money will fund the AHA's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs, as well as American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance programs. Last year, Prather raised \$2,278 with this event.

In addition, students will learn about their hearts and healthful lifestyles.

"When you recognize that heart diseases are America's leading causes of death, you realize how important it is to support this effort," said Sharon Shaffner and Leigh Heller, Jump Rope For Heart coordinators in Granite City.

Jump Rope For Heart not only supports the AHA's cardiovascular research and educational programs, but also teaches students the benefits of regular exercise to help keep their hearts healthy. That's the goal of the American Alliance, too."

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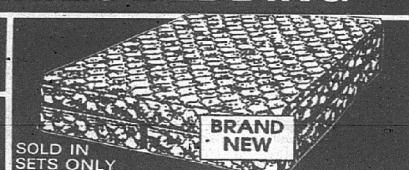
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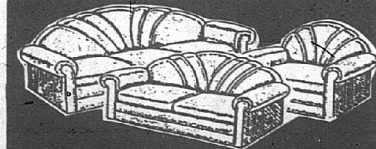
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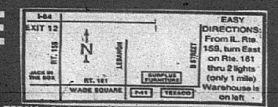


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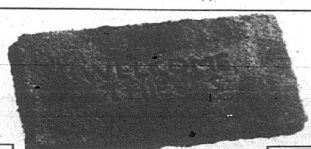


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Jennifer Debeve, daughter of Vilice and Kathy Debeve of Granite City, and Terry Dutko, son of Terry and Judy Dutko of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School currently attending Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and will graduate in June 1993 with a major in physical education and senior status.

Her fiancé is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School, a 1990 graduate of St. Louis University with a BA in chemistry, and a 1992 graduate of SIU with a MS in chemistry. He is employed by Industrial Testing Laboratories in St. Louis as a chemist.

Kimmel awards banquet April 1 at SIUE

Tickets are still available for the Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Meridian Hall in the University Center on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Eleven recipients of the Kimmel Community Service Award will be honored as the recipient of the Kimmel Scholarship. The annual awards and scholarship were established to recognize outstanding community members and students for dedication and contributions to community volunteer service as exemplified by Carol Kimmel, a former member of the SIU Board of Trustees, who continues to give freely of her time and talent to volunteerism.

For more information about tickets or to order them, call the SIUE Office of Conferences and Institutes, 692-2660, or, from St. Louis toll-free, 314-621-5168, ext. 2660.



Jennifer Debevc and Terry Dutko

The couple is planning a June 25, 1994, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.

DeAnn Weidner, daughter of William and Jeanne Weidner of Madison, and Steven "Gus" Bridick, son of Charles and Karen Bridick of Madison and Johnnie and Sharon Rollins of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Madison Senior High School and an elementary education student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Her fiancé is a 1987 graduate of Madison Senior High School and is employed by Madison County Housing Authority and the Madison Volunteer Fire Department.

A wedding date has not been set.



DeAnn Weidner and Steven Bridick

Weidner-Bridick

First Presbyterian deacons meet

The First Presbyterian Church held its deacon meeting Feb. 1. New officers elected for the 1993 year were: Loren Davis, chairman; and Laura Grote, secretary.

Committees were formed and have many things planned for the new year.

Those present for the meeting were: Diane Wheeler, Zig Konieczny, Charles Cross, Carol Miller, Leroy Ebrecht, Loren Davis, Thomas Earls, Laura Grote, George Slattery, Mary Woll, Shirley Decourcy, Mary McIlvoy, Ron Owens, Jolene Scott, Kathy Schooley, Esther Vasileff, and Dr. Trotter.

First Presbyterian Church is located at 22nd and Delmar in Granite City.

Mayoral Candidate Debate April 5

All 10 Granite City mayoral candidates have agreed to participate in a debate sponsored by the *Granite City Press-Record/Journal* at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 5, in the Granite City High School Auditorium.

Citizens are being asked to submit questions for the candidates. Questions should be submitted in writing to Debate Question, *Granite City Press-Record/Journal*, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL 62040.

Questioners should include name, address and phone number on the question.

Questions to be asked will be selected by a panel of newspaper reporters and editors, who will then ask the candidates the questions at the debate.

The 10 candidates in ballot order, are Alderman Paul Fisk, Alderman Jeff Worthen, Alderman Walter Milton, businessman and body-builder Dan McGuire, restaurant owner Archie Lupardus, Alderman Dan Brown, Joseph McGinness, former assistant police chief Ron Selph, James Bailey Sr. and Steve Bolling.



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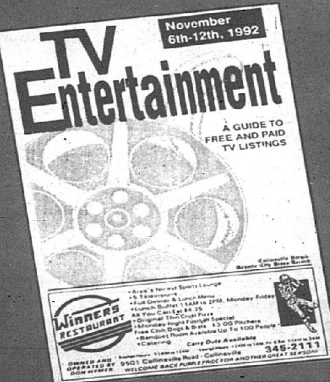
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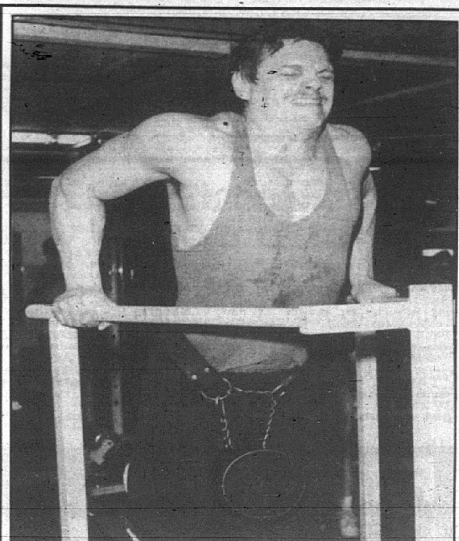
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(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK)

Ron Carich holds the national record for blind lifters in the bench press.

Power driven Blind weightlifter's rise uplifting to watch

By David Wilhelm
Staff writer

Most people have made New Year's resolutions, only to break them a short time later. But on New Year's Eve 1988, Ron Carich of Collinsville made a resolution he continues to fulfill today.

There was nothing unusual about the resolution. In fact, it's probably the one most frequently made each year. Carich and stepbrother Phillip Humphrey agreed to dedicate 1989 to better health.

THEIR AVERAGE: weightlifting. And just four years later, Carich, 33, is one of the top powerlifters in the country. He has won regional and national meets in the bench press, his specialty — and will toil in his first international competition late in '93.

Standing alone, his accomplishments are remarkable. Factor in Carich's blindness, and his feats are heartwarming and uplifting. Carich is a winner, and it's

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Young arms to lead Lady Warrior softball this season

By R.J. Gerber
Staff writer

For the first time in John Hutchings' 10 years with the Granite City softball program, the incoming freshmen are experienced and confident — a direct result of an early start in the city park leagues.

Hutchings, who begins his fourth season as the head coach after serving six years as an assistant, has a seasoned group of young athletes that he is counting on this season. The Lady Warriors have only two seniors on their varsity roster.

Because of an added interest in summer leagues and instruction, Granite City isn't as far behind as some of its counterparts, as has been the case in the past.

Joining junior right-hander

Kari Buckingham in the Lady Warrior pitching rotation is a quartet of first-year high school players. Left-hander Jennifer Willis and right-handers Julie Tanksley, Jill Wozniak and Jamie Wallace all enter their freshmen seasons as experienced hurlers.

In past years, the Lady Warriors would still be concentrating on simple fundamentals and mechanics. But with the advancement in players' talent, Hutchings is expecting an improvement on last season's 6-18 record.

"This is the first year we're really starting to see some benefits," Hutchings said of the summer competition. "These kids have the ability to pitch. We haven't had more than one prospect at a time before."

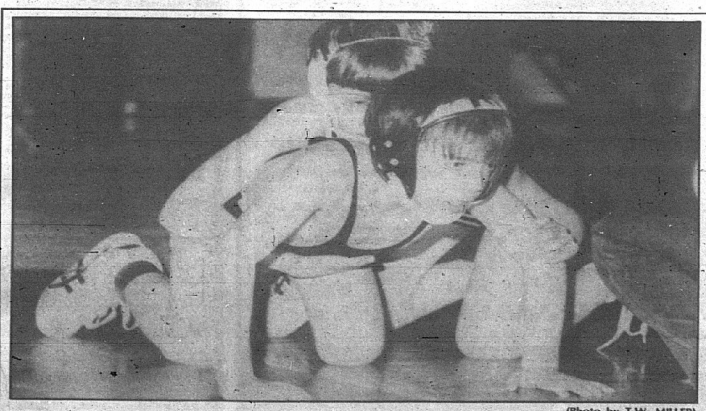
"In the future, we ought to be

looking pretty good. These kids have a good attitude and they want to be pitchers. We've never had that true consistency."

The problem facing Hutchings is that he has so many versatile players, he doesn't know who will play where. Some coaches might be envious of that predicament. But without being able to get outside because of the weather, Hutchings doesn't quite know what to expect when the Lady Warriors open their season Tuesday with a 4-15 home game against Roxana.

"I think I know how they'll react, but they have to have their feelings under control," Hutchings said of his young squad. "We just want to keep improving. We know we're not going to turn this around all at once. I think these are the types

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(Photo by T.W. MILLER)

Mat Rats — Nine-year-old wrestler Jacob Tartar prepares to escape from the down position at Saturday's Illinois Kids Wrestling Federation sectional meet at Granite City High School. Coedline Junior High qualified 11 wrestlers for the IKWF state meet, which will be held Saturday at Illinois State University in Normal.

Lady Warrior soccer team senior laden, strong as ever Baker's girls on track for another big season

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

After contending for a state title the past three seasons, an experienced Lady Warrior soccer team is hoping this could be The Year.

But before Granite City starts making plans for the postseason, there is a regular season to be played. Weather permitting, the Lady Warriors begin Saturday with a game at Alton.

Granite City coach Gene Baker, 43, always is taking it one game at a time.

"Hopefully, we'll be ready if the weather cooperates," said Baker, who enters his sixth year with the Lady Warriors at 74-21-6 overall. "It's going to be a step-by-step thing. We want one thing at a time. We want to play in such a way that reflects how competi-



Baker

Schedule

3/27 Alton.....	4 p.m.
3/29 Roxana.....	4 p.m.
3/30 McChesney.....	4 p.m.
4/1 Wood River.....	4:30 p.m.
4/4 COLLINSVILLE.....	4:30 p.m.
4/7 O'Fallon.....	4:30 p.m.
4/12 CARBONDALE.....	4:30 p.m.
4/15 ALTON.....	4:30 p.m.
4/19 MCCLUIER NORTH.....	4:30 p.m.
4/23 INCARNATE WORD.....	4:30 p.m.
4/26-5/1 St. Dominic Tournament.....	TBA
5/7 Duquenois.....	4:30 p.m.
5/8 Hazelwood Central.....	5 p.m.
5/10 Collinsville.....	5:30 p.m.
5/13 Hazelwood East.....	4 p.m.
5/17 LUTHERAN EAST.....	6 p.m.
5/19 O'FALLON.....	4:30 p.m.
5/23-4/2 Class AA Sectional.....	TBA
6/4-5 State Tournament.....	TBA

Home games in ALL CAPS.

...tive we are. I feel the program has matured, and we've stepped it up competitively. They have much to be proud of in making the cut."

The program includes 34 players this season and an exceptional group of eight seniors, Baker

also has eight juniors, 13 sophomores and five freshmen to work with. Virgil Kirksey will serve as the junior varsity coach.

The Lady Warriors will be led by their talented senior class, goalkeeper Stephanie Kuit, sweeper Beth Rapoff, stopper Julie Goclan and wingbacks Tammy Dutko, Suzanne Stuart, Michelle Knox, Ann Logan and Staci Johnson.

Each player was a member of the Lady Warrior team that placed fourth at the state tournament two years ago.

"It's a fine group," Baker said. "They have some confidence and trust in each other. We need to get a lot of leadership out of them."

That seems likely, considering most of the team's seniors are honor students and some will be playing college soccer next year. Kuit, an all-state candidate the past two seasons, will be moving to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. "She's awfully hard to score

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Granite City's Rapoff signs with Evansville

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Lady Warrior soccer player Beth Rapoff will get a fresh start next year at the University of Evansville, and so will her team.

Rapoff, who signed earlier this month to play at Evansville, will be a part of uncharted territory at Evansville next season when she takes the field for the Purple Aces. The women's soccer team at the southern Indiana school

was elevated from club status to the NCAA Division I level this year.

Coach Mick Lyon, a former Evansville men's player and assistant coach, said he is excited about the prospect of playing teams like Notre Dame, Butler



Rapoff and Xavier.

Evansville will compete in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference.

He added it will be quite a challenge for Rapoff and his other first-year players.

"We'll have our work cut out for us," Lyon said. Our schedule will be very strong for a new program.

"(Rapoff) will come in and start for us. She's going to have a chance to compete against the best teams in the country."

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Jaros makes Showcase team; Goclan left off

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Granite City hockey players Mike Jaros and Chris Goclan had to part ways on the ice a little sooner than expected recently when cuts for the Chicago Showcase team were made.

The two seniors, who led the Warriors to the Mid-States Club Hockey Association American Conference title this year, both tried out for a team of select St. Louis-area players after the end



Jaros and Goclan of the season. While Jaros made the Showcase team for the sec-

ond straight year, Goclan was again left off.

Goclan led his team — as well as the Mid-States league — in scoring this year with 49 goals. Granite City coach Jake Hinterser was hoping Goclan could have the opportunity to impress the high number of college scouts who will be on hand for the Chicago Showcase event.

"It's tough, because he really deserved it," Hinterser said. "Chris had an excellent tryout."

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Schedule

3/30 ROXANA.....	4:15 p.m.
4/2 Visitation.....	4:15 p.m.
4/5 Wood River.....	4:15 p.m.
4/7 MASCOUATAH.....	4:15 p.m.
4/8 Alton.....	4:15 p.m.
4/12 EDWARDSVILLE.....	4:15 p.m.
4/15 BELLEVILLE EAST.....	4:15 p.m.
4/18 Belleville West.....	4:15 p.m.
4/20 East St. Louis.....	4:15 p.m.
4/22 COLLINSVILLE.....	4:15 p.m.
4/26 O'FALLON.....	4:15 p.m.
4/30 Civic Memorial.....	4 p.m.
5/1 Robinson Tournament.....	TBA
5/4 ALTON.....	4:15 p.m.
5/6 Belleville East.....	4:15 p.m.
5/11 BELLEVILLE WEST.....	4:15 p.m.
5/13 EAST ST. LOUIS.....	4:15 p.m.
5/15 CC TOURNAMENT.....	10 a.m.
5/18 Collinsville.....	4:15 p.m.
5/19 Triad.....	4 p.m.
5/21 Cahokia.....	4 p.m.
5/24-5/1 Class AA Regional.....	TBA
6/4-5 Sectional.....	TBA
6/7-7 Sectional.....	TBA

Home games in ALL CAPS.

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

Large Schools	
1. De Soto (1).....	29-2
2. Riverview Gardens (3).....	21-7
3. East St. Louis (2).....	25-4
4. Vashon (4).....	19-6
5. St. Charles West (5).....	25-3
6. SLUH (6).....	19-10
7. Edwardsville (7).....	24-7
8. DeSmet (8).....	23-5
9. Lafayette (9).....	10-10
10. Webster Groves (10).....	21-7
Others receiving votes: Collinsville, Roosevelt, Fox	
Small Schools	
1. Jennings (1).....	27-4
2. Troy (2).....	24-4
3. Festus (3).....	21-7
4. Lutheran North (4).....	15-11
5. Cardinal Ritter (5).....	18-10
6. Columbia (6).....	18-10
7. St. Charles (7).....	15-11
8. Berkeley (8).....	15-9
9. Lutheran South (9).....	20-9
10. John Burroughs (10).....	18-1
Others receiving votes: Rosary, Glibault	

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

Large Schools	
1. St. Joseph (1).....	28-0
2. Northwest (2).....	26-5
3. Cor Jesu (3).....	24-6
4. Marian (4).....	17-9
5. Francis Howell (T4).....	23-2
6. Lincoln (6).....	20-6
7. Francis Howell North (7).....	21-5
8. Parkway West (8).....	19-7
9. Hazelwood East (9).....	18-9
10. Parkway North (10).....	17-9
Others receiving votes: Edwardsville, Oakville, Fox	
Small Schools	
1. Incarnate Word (1).....	28-3
2. Visitation (2).....	20-8
3. Yelland (3).....	21-8
4. Troy (4).....	21-8
5. Weslin (5).....	24-4
6. John Burroughs (6).....	25-5
7. Flossmoor (7).....	18-10
8. Kennedy (8).....	20-6
9. Lutheran North (9).....	18-8
10. Lutheran South (10).....	3-15
Others receiving votes: Principia	

Sports briefs

Booster Club scramble tourney May 23 at Legacy

The third annual Granite City Booster Club Classic golf scramble will be held May 23 at the Legacy Golf Club.

The participation fee for a foursome is \$200. It includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, dinner and team and attendance prizes. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Granite City athletic and cheerleading programs.

For more information, call Greg Patton at 451-5808, Jerry Bolandis at 877-7659 or Gary Sturdivant at 931-5026.

GCSSA holding men's, women's tournament April 16-18

The Granite City Steel Softball Association will be holding a men's Class D slow pitch and a women's slow pitch tournament April 16-18. The games will be held at the GCSSA fields.

Entry fees are \$100. For more information, call Gene Kuehnle at 452-5500, Ray Hunter at 931-5634 or Tim Morton at 877-7745.

Donkey basketball next Wednesday at high school

The Granite City High School donkey basketball game will pit the Varsity Club against the Student Council at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school gymnasium.

The cost is \$3 in advance and \$4 at the door for students and adults. The cost for elementary students and senior citizens is \$1 in advance and \$2 at the door.

Atom T-Ball team needs players

A Granite City Park District Atom 1 T-Ball team is in need of players born between September 1984 and December 1985. For more information, call Beverly Meyer at 451-5739.

Chiefs baseball team looking for players

Anyone interested in playing for the Granite City Chiefs men's baseball team should call Dennis Gurkin before 9 p.m. at 877-3885. The season will begin sometime in May.

Journal bowling tourney registration due April 5

By Toby Carrig
Staff writer

The winner of last year's Journal Newspapers Singles Championship Tournament came a long way to compete in the tournament.

Mike Green claimed the top prize of \$4,000 last year with a series score of 769, making his drive from Charleston in the Missouri Boothe to Lakeside Lanes in Valley Park well worth the effort.

Gregg Getzlow of Overland and Jeff Schaeffer of St. Peters tied for second with a 768. The fourth-place finisher was Tim Francis, who drove a long way from Sikeston to score a 767.

Long trips aren't unusual for participants in the tournament, which will be held from the 24th time April 24-May 16 at Strike 'N Spare Lanes, 1309 N. Lindbergh.

"They come from all over," said Ken Wassner, executive director of the Greater St. Louis Bowling Proprietors Association, which conducts the tournament.

Prize money makes the tournament worth the trip. First place is guaranteed \$4,000 and

Journal Newspapers Singles Tournament

second place is worth \$2,000. Plus, the handicapped tournament uses a formula that creates one winner for every six entries.

"This is one of the biggest tournaments for the average bowler," said Wassner. "By far, it's the largest in a 300-mile radius."

Last year, 3,111 bowlers entered the tournament, building a purse of \$20,221.50. That money was split by 322 bowlers, from the \$4,000 winner's share to \$290 for the 175 bowlers who had three-game series scores from 636 to 649.

A good ratio of prize winners and a handicapping formula that makes it possible for anyone to win, it's no wonder the event is so popular.

To enter this year's tournament, bowlers can pick up their

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Girls

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upon," Baker said. "Our backfield should be very steady. Our backs can score."

The Lady Warriors also have considerable depth in the sophomore and junior classes. Two of the team's forwards, Holly Farnsworth and Brooke Bjorkman, are proven scorers. Farnsworth is a sophomore, and Bjorkman is a junior.

Granite City will also depend on two key middlefielders, Kami Kessel and Tonya Genovese. Kessel is a junior, and Genovese is a sophomore.

The rest of the junior class consists of twins Debra and Denise Dutko, Mikla Economy, Lynsey Evans, Jill Haddix and Misty Reagan. Baker said the

Dutko twins and Evans are possible starters.

The team's leading sophomore is Farnsworth, Genovese, Christy Costello, Jennifer Splaingard, Valerie Hasty and Staci Dowdy. Other second-year players include Kara Gaen, Amy Henson, Penny Kreher, Amy Rosenberg, Kelly Thomas, Salena Turnbull and Kelley Williamson.

The freshman hopefuls are Eryn Ellis, Jennifer Hendrickson, Marcy Holsinger, Andrea Knox and Denise McMillan.

"We might double a few players back and forth between junior varsity and varsity, because we feel there's some potential there," Baker said. "The key is we're really trying to compete within ourselves."

Softball

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of kids that can handle it." Junior catcher Nikki Coulter is back to handle the pitching staff after starting as a sophomore, and fellow junior Tonya Carpenter could see some action as Coulter's backup as well as at other positions.

First base will be competed for by the freshmen pitchers, and second base will be handled by junior Kristi Melton and senior Erin Davis. Last season's second baseman, junior Jessica Thomas, should get the call at shortstop. Hutchings said third base is another position that is still open, but sophomore Vanessa Dillard could win the starting

slot. The outfield positions are being battled for by a group of sophomores, including the speedy Amy Dean and Robin Cain and Terri Yurko. Yurko could also get some playing time at first base. In left field, sophomore Julie Bohnenstiel and junior Sheila Heil are competing for the position.

Hutchings said he will field one of the quickest teams he has ever had. Thomas, Dillard, Coulter and Carpenter can all get down the line in a hurry. "This is by far one of our faster teams," Hutchings said. "We ought to be able to leg out some hits. If we can just put the ball in play, we'll make some things

The Lady Warriors will get plenty of tests from the opposition this year. Their schedule features games against several St. Louis schools, including McCluer North, Incarnate Word, Hazelwood Central and Hazelwood East.

The Lady Warriors will also play in the St. Dominic Tournament from April 26-May 1, and will meet Collinsville twice.

"We have a very competitive schedule," Baker said. "We'll run across some strong schools." The Lady Warriors are coming off a 17-4-1 season. They battled injuries all year, and they were eliminated by Collinsville in sectional play.

"We had a lot to be proud of with all the injuries," Baker said. "We had a good year."

happen." Hutchings said sophomores Heather Bain, Kellie Dellamano, Joanna Grobolski, Jamie Kudelka and Trisha Sedabres could also see some action on the varsity level this year.

After losing eight games by two runs or less last season, Hutchings knows the Warrior program is about to get over the hump. Being competitive and supporting each other is what Hutchings preaches to his squad.

"We want to be competitive and have fun," he said. "The wins should start falling for us. We can't wait to get started. We're just so pleased with what we've got."

the Mid-States title at the St. Louis Arena.

Hinterer said Goclan will probably have to work as hard as ever to earn recognition after not making the Showcase team.

"I think Chris is going to work hard over the summer and try to make Junior B," Hinterer said. "Everybody knows his skating, so he will try to extend his stride and improve his speed."

Carich

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because of a rugged determination possessed by few athletes. "I've always been mule-headed," Carich said, laughing. "I hate to be told I can't do something."

Carich, 6-foot and 191 pounds, holds the national record for blind athletes in the bench press (386 pounds, with a pause). He set the mark in 1991 at the Ozark Bench Championships in Madison.

"YOU HAVE TO bring the bar down and set it on your chest, motionless, and wait for the referee to give you the command to press," Carich said. "You have to push the bar up evenly and lock it evenly. You're allowed no other movement."

Carich has other achievements of which to be proud. Also in '91, he won the National Bench Press Championship in St. Louis. But the national record remains his favorite shining moment.

"They're both special, but the record probably means more," he said. "I just think it was a greater accomplishment."

"I enjoy (lifting) a lot. I've been competing for more than 2 1/2 years now. I never really gave it too much thought until I started moving tremendous amounts of weight. I just kept getting stronger and stronger."

CARICH WAS NAMED the best lifter of the Biggest Bench in the Midwest meet, which he won in 1991. Following the competition, said Carich, "I got a standing ovation and everything. I got so turned on by that; I couldn't wait for my next meet."

Carich's most recent meet was the Steeler Open powerlifting championships March 13 in Madison. His 1,150-pound total in the squat, bench press and deadlift was good enough for second place in the 198-pound division.

"The meet was my first full power meet," said Carich. "All the rest were strictly bench press (meets). That's what I excel at. I really like the bench

press more, just because of the way I'm built. I'm small-waisted and small-tipped."

With a big heart. CARICH — A 1977 graduate of Granite City North High — became blind after a gunshot wound to the head 12 years ago. He's hesitant to discuss anything about the incident, but said: "I'm lucky to be alive. I was in and out of the hospital for a year."

Weightlifting and several other hobbies keep Carich going. He and his wife, Suzanne, have been married eight years. They have a 4-year-old daughter, Amy.

"There's bad times, sure," Carich said. "We have a home we built a few years ago that I've never seen. I have a wife I've never seen and a daughter I've never seen."

Carich is an outspoken critic of drugs, specifically anabolic steroids. He competes in the American Drug-Free Powerlifting Association, and he has no respect for those who illegally build their way to competitive success in what he refers to as "outlaw meets."

CARICH FREQUENTLY defeats lifters who are bulked up by steroids. It's one of his biggest pleasures in the sport.

"I beat them at their own game," Carich said. "I'm definitely against steroids. There's probably two outlaw meets to every sanctioned meet. If I got on steroids, I could lift up to 500 pounds. But I would never do that."

"I've seen a lot of guys on (steroids) who have gotten serious injuries — to the point where they can't lift anymore. It's their body, and if they want to destroy it by taking steroids, that's fine. But stay out of our meets."

Carich sticks to a regular workout schedule. He practices each week at Hard Body Gym in Pontoon Beach, dedicating two days to his upper body and one day to his legs. He's constantly fine-tuning his technique.

"IT TAKES A LOT of dedication," Carich said. "If you don't train right, you expend a lot of energy without getting a lot out of it."

Carich is looking forward to the World Games, scheduled for October in Ottawa, Canada — his first international meet.

"I've been real successful in this drug-free association and most of the outlaw meets," he said. "But I'd like to keep expanding. (The World Games) is kind of the next rung in the ladder." Don't count him out.

Showcase

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but they felt like they would lean more toward the sophomores and juniors."

Goclan plans to attend Logan College, a chiropractic school in St. Louis County, and try out for a Junior B team next fall.

Jaros, who already plays for the St. Louis Junior Blues, will simply add to his lengthy portfolio

when he plays in the Chicago Showcase on April 16-18.

"It will be great exposure for him," Hinterer said. "There will be many Division I college coaches there. But he'll probably be drafted next year and elect to play Junior A."

Jaros scored 40 goals this season. He and Goclan capped off their prep careers in style March 1 when the Warriors won

Rapoff

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Lyon said he saw Rapoff when the senior sweeper was playing soccer for the Norco club team of St. Louis. Norco played the Evansville club team, and Norco coach John Schneider recommended Rapoff to Lyon.

"He rated Beth as one of his best players," Lyon said. "She'll be a great asset. I look for her to come right in and

organize the backfield."

Rapoff is just one of eight Granite City seniors who plan on attending college and playing soccer. Stephanie Kuit will be attending SUE, Tammy Dutko is headed for LCCC and Suzanne Stuart has chosen Lindenwood College.

Lady Warrior coach Gene Baker said Michelle Knox, Julie Goclan, Staci Johnson and Ann Logan are still in the running for scholarships.



Ahead of the field — Rugby player Eric R. Achenbach was the leading scorer for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point this season. Achenbach scored 143 points for Army, which went 11-2. When Army defeated Air Force 12-0, Achenbach scored all 12 points and was named athlete of the week for the 4,000 member brigade. Achenbach's parents are Phil and Joan Achenbach of Granite City.

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Granite City Senior High School first semester honor rolls are announced

David Painter, principal of Granite City Senior High School, has announced that the following students have achieved the High Honor Roll with a GPA of 5.000 or above, and the Honor Roll with a GPA of 4.200 to 4.999 this past semester. In both categories the student must have the required grade point average without receiving a "D" grade and earned at least 2.0 full credits.

Much time and dedication is required to achieve these high honors, Painter said, adding that he and his staff are extremely proud of these students. With all of today's outside influences, these students are to be commended for their dedication to their studies.

High Honors — 5.000 - 5.999:
Kelly Ahlers, grade 10; Stacie Ahlers, grade 12; Erica Alsop, grade 10; Mary Alvarez, grade 11; Janet Anderton, grade 12; Sean Asbeck, grade 12; Ryan Ashby, grade 11; Brett Barron, grade 12; Catrina Benson, grade 9; Justin Bernaix, grade 9; Brock Bookman, grade 11; Brian Blankenship, grade 9; Troy Borst, grade 10; Keith Brinke, grade 9; Stacey Brimm, grade 9; Matthew Butler, grade 9; Jamie Brooks, grade 11; William Brown, grade 12; John Bukovae, grade 11; Leann Byrd, grade 9; Jaime Carney, grade 9; Tricia Cavins, grade 9; Meredith Chomko, grade 9; Margaret Christiansen, grade 12; Melinda Colbert, grade 9; Jason Cox, grade 9; Lori Cox, grade 10; Jennifer Davis, grade 9; Michael Davis, grade 12; Debra Dutko, grade 11; Denise Dutko, grade 11; Kristy Earhart, grade 9; Jared Embick, grade 9; Craig Eudy, grade 11; Lynne Evans, grade 11; David Fielding, grade 12; Ryan Frakes, grade 11; Christina Friedel, grade 10; Coleen Fritzsche, grade 10; Amanda Galbreath, grade 9; Amy Gerhardt, grade 11; Tonya Genova, grade 10; Sean Gewecke, grade 11; Julie Goclain, grade 12; Melanie Gosnell, grade 11; Amy Grady, grade 10; Chris Greer, grade 12; Paula Gregory, grade 12; Seth Hale, grade 9; Michael Halbrook, grade 9; Jacquelyn Hale, grade 9; Jason Hall, grade 12; Timothy Harris, grade 9; Craig Harrison, grade 11; Suzanne Hart, grade 10; John Haug, grade 9; Celia Heck, grade 12; Kathleen Hersom, grade 9; Anne Hewlett, grade 12; Mark Hewlett, grade 12; Benjamin Hicks, grade 12; Resean Hildebrand, grade 12; Kathryn Holden, grade 9; Anna Hollis, grade 9; Kimberly Holloway, grade 10; Mandy Holsinger, grade 11; Marcy Holsinger, grade 9; Jason Ivie, grade 12; Jennifer Jakich, grade 10; Adam Jeness, grade 10; Patrick Jes-

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Simon, grade 10; Alicia Skirball, grade 11; Jamie Snelson, grade 9; Jennifer Splaingard, grade 10; Richard Spradley, grade 9; Matthew Stinson, grade 12; Eric Terrell, grade 10; Travis Terrell, grade 12; Jaime Thompson, grade 10; Patricia Thompson, grade 10; Sarah Turek, grade 11; Jason Van Schagen, grade 10; Bryan Welsler, grade 12; Tara Wiebusch, grade 9; Larry Wiegand Jr., grade 9.

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Jaime Hamilton, grade 11; Nicole Hamilton, grade 9; Paul Hand, grade 11; Julie Hargrove, grade 12; Christine Hart, grade 9; Valerie Hasty, grade 10; Paula Heffner, grade 11; Jennifer Heil, grade 12; Rebecca Helton, grade 10; Jeffrey Hensley, grade 10; William Herman, grade 10; Dottie Hersom, grade 10; Robert Hollansworth, grade 10; Dennis Holloway, grade 10; Paul Holloway, grade 9; Kimberly Horn, grade 9; Kenneth Hozian, grade 11; Antonio Hull, grade 9; Eric Ivie, grade 10; Stefanie Jacobs, grade 12; Jennifer Johnson, grade 10; Scott Jones, grade

9; Shelley Justice, grade 11; Jodie Kern, grade 11; Corey Kessler, grade 10; Cynthia King, grade 11; Jamie Kirby, grade 10; Jessica Kiselka, grade 9; David Klee, grade 12; Leighann Klug, grade 11; Andrea Knox, grade 9; Michelle Knox, grade 12; Angie Kovach, grade 12; Scott Kratzer, grade 10; Stephanie Kraus, grade 11; Robert Kuehnell, grade 11; Christopher Kult, grade 11; Gladys Lamb, grade 12; Richard Lamb, grade 10; David Lange, grade 10; Leslie Laycock, grade 12; William Laycock, grade 9; Susan Ledbetter, grade 11; Kevin Lee, grade 10; Suzanne Lerch, grade 10; Matthew Lienemann, grade 11; Charles Loftus, grade 11; Crissy Long, grade 12; Melissa Long, grade 10; Harper Mance, grade 10; Angela Mangi, grade 9.

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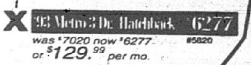


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10; Melanie Tapp, grade 10; Robert Taylor, grade 10; Darryl Thick, grade 10; Kelly Thomas, grade 10; Jennifer Thornton, grade 10; Erin Tongay, grade 9; Brent Tracy, grade 9; Jamie Vance, grade 11; Halley Vaughn, grade 9; John Venne, grade 9; Matthew Vollmar, grade 10; Craig Wagner, grade 11; Christopher Walker, grade 9; Misty Walker, grade 10; Jamie Wallace, grade 11; Jeff Wallis, grade 9; Jason Warhol, grade 12; Derrick Webb, grade 9; Joanna Webb, grade 11; Amy Webster, grade 11; Channa Weckman, grade 11; Greg Weckman, grade 11; George Wilkerson, grade 11; Dustin Wilkinson, grade 12; Matthew Williams, grade 9; Jennifer Willis, grade 9; Ellen Willis, grade 12; Dave Wilson, grade 11; James Wilson, grade 9; Richard Wilson, grade 12; Jennifer Wise, grade 10; Tanya Wolf, grade 11; Derek Wolfe, grade 12; Shannon Wolfe, grade 11; Adriane Yates, grade 11; Jayson York, grade 10; Basil Yurcin, grade 10; Josh Zimmerman, grade 11.

Births

Michelle Jones

Shanta Jones of East St. Louis is the mother of a girl born Friday, Feb. 5, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Michelle Renee Jones; she weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Flossie Jones of East St. Louis.

Bailey Jambga

Stephanie Montgomery and Gwinyai Jambga of Troy are parents of a girl born at 12:51 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Bailey Shay Nyasha Jambga; she weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Steve and Mary Montgomery of Casey. Paternal grandparents are Ben and Matilda Jambga of Zimbabwe, Africa.

Jorian Merchant

Gail Vandy and Billy Joe Merchant of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 3:47 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The infant has been named Jorian Markel Merchant; she weighed 9 pounds. Maternal grandparents are Joseph "Tim" and Karen Vandy of Granite City. Maternal great-grandmother is Rose Vandy of Madison. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Merchant of Granite City.

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Andrew Spiroff

Daria and James Colp of Granite City are parents of a girl born at 5:13 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 1992, at Jewish Hospital, St. Louis.

The infant has been named Jessica Michelle Colp; she weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The mother is the former Daria Barnhart.

Paternal grandparents are James and Cindy Colp of Granite City.

Cherie S. Gillson and Christopher S. Spiroff are parents of a boy born at 9:07 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, at Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton.

The infant has been named Andrew Christopher Spiroff; he weighed 6 pounds and 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mary Gillson and Harold Gillson, both of Granite City.

Paternal grandfather is Arnold W. Spiroff of Granite City.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth Schriber and Harold and Bobbie Gillson, all of Granite City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Laura and Lorraine Daniels of Glen Carbon.

Whaley pledges society at college

Deana L. Whaley, a freshman at Illinois College in Jacksonville, has pledged Sigma Phi Epsilon Literary Society this semester.

Illinois College is the only college in Illinois, and quite possibly the only remaining college in the country, which includes literary, fraternal, and social activities in one organization.

Whaley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Whaley of Granite City.

There are seven literary societies, three women's and four men's at Illinois college. They hold weekly business meetings and literary programs where members present essays, debates, declamations, readings, and individual compositions.

Auxiliary Kitchen

The Eagles Auxiliary Kitchen Band entertained the St. Elizabeth Medical Center volunteer workers at the hospital recently.

The Auxiliary held a semi-monthly meeting at the Eagles Home, with President Joanna Spencer opening the meeting. Conductor Vera Johnson placed the flag, the Bible and the emblem of the home on the altar, and members recited the Lord's prayer and gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Members balloted on one applicant; two applications for membership were read, and Investigating committee Flo Stokes gave a favorable report on several applicants.

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Finney yields to demands of character in 'Rich in Love'

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Albert Finney describes "the considerable physical journey" of his character in his latest film, "Rich in Love," as one of the most demanding parts of the role.

Finney appears in "Rich in Love" as Warren Odom, a colorful Southern gentleman who is devastated by the sudden departure of his wife, Helen.

played by Jill Clayburgh. "After the initial shock of his wife leaving," Finney said, "my character is numb, and the numbness is seen in a degree of decline."

So complete was Finney's metamorphosis that director Bruce Beresford remembered that even the film crew was amazed.

"We were filming a scene where Albert's character is revitalized, and someone on the

crew came up to me and asked if he had lost weight," Beresford said.

"Actually, Albert couldn't have lost much weight in that short period of time. It was just something he was able to infer physically in his ability to suggest every phase of his character, almost telepathically."

Finney arrived in Charleston, S.C., where "Rich in Love" was shot, after completing a movie in which he had an Irish accent. To master the vocal transition from Dublin to Charleston, Finney started speaking with a Southern accent the moment he stepped off the plane.

"I asked for a driver from South Carolina so I could chat with him going to and from work," Finney said.

Husband and wife producers Richard D. Zanuck and Lili Fini Zanuck teamed up with director Beresford and screenwriter Alfred Ury for "Rich in Love." The project marks a reunion for the team that created the Academy Award-winning Best Picture "Driving Miss Daisy" in 1989.

Richard Zanuck describes "Rich in Love" as a contemporary family drama. "It was very funny, very emotional, and although the situation could happen to any



Albert Finney and Jill Clayburgh star as Warren and Helen Odom, whose ending marriage leads them to discover a new relationship, in "Rich in Love."

family, it took what I felt was a different tack," he said.

Lili Zanuck said the idiosyncrasies of the characters should be both refreshing and familiar to audiences. "Here was a domestic drama that really focused on the eccentricities of its characters," she said. "I found that reassuring. Family members can be quite eccentric."

Richard Zanuck says one word captures the essence of the film.

"'Rich in Love' is about change in people's lives and how they emerge from it and are

better for it," he said. "It's very reaffirming that change can bring about growth."

'In Love' not rich in scripting

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

In "Rich in Love," the respected English actor Albert Finney is a victim of his own marital problems. Well cast but broadly depicted, "Rich in Love" is never as totally endearing as I'm certain it originally set out to be.

Finney's character, Warren Odom, arrives home one day to learn that his wife Helen, played by Jill Clayburgh, has abruptly left him. She abandons a car full of groceries and leaves a note saying she has bolted to start "a second life."

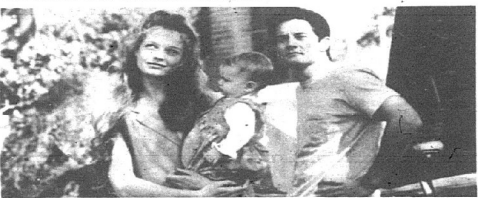
Warren is stunned. He spends a lot of time eating junk food and living in his pajamas. His loving 17-year-old daughter Lucille, played by Kathryn Erbe, takes over the household and slowly tries to lead her dad back into the world of the emotionally alive.

The effort costs Lucille a budding romance and her high school graduation.

Prospects in the Odom family pick up with the arrival of Lucille's newly married sister, Rae Odom, played by Suzy Amis. Rae's husband Billy, played by Kyle MacLachlan, tags along and is clearly bemused by the Odom family's quaint temperaments.

Two other key players in the Odom family's readjustment are Rhody Poole, a local night club owner — played by Alfie Woodward — who knows more about the Odoms than they realize, and a local hairdresser, played by Piper Laurie, who wants to make Warren her husband.

"Rich in Love" hampers Finney with its lack of depth, but he still manages to make Warren an engaging, humorous character. The serious consequences of what is actually going on in the film are treated with soap-opera theatrics.



Suzy Amis, left, and Kyle MacLachlan star as newlyweds whose life together begins with the upheaval of her family, turmoil in their young marriage and the arrival of their first child, in "Rich in Love."

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NEWS

Woman can get benefits on ex-husband's Social Security

By Bill Hunt
Social Security Administration

Q. My ex-husband and I were married for more than 10 years. I've been getting Social Security on his record. Now I've learned that he plans to remarry. Will I be able to continue to get benefits on his Social Security if he marries someone else?

A. You can continue to get benefits on your ex-husband's Social Security as long as you do not remarry. It is not uncommon for a spouse and an ex-spouse to receive Social Security at the same time on one husband's record. Both can receive the full benefit amount.

Q. I am a diabetic and 56 years old. My vision is very bad. I know I've got enough quarters under Social Security to get benefits, because I worked all my life before my diabetes ruined my eyesight. Can I qualify for Social Security disability?

A. Social Security's laws determine whether you are disabled. If you have a medical condition of 20/200 or less in the better eye with the use of corrective lenses,

or tunnel vision limiting the field of vision to no more than 20 degrees. Even if you're not considered legally blind, you still might qualify if the combined effect of your diabetes, vision problems and any other impairments keep you from working. Apply for Social Security disability. It's the only reliable way to find out if you'll qualify. Call 1-800-772-1213.

Q. I know I have to send proof of my military service to Social Security when I apply for benefits. What is acceptable proof? A. Your military discharge (Form DD214, Report of Transfer or Discharge) is the preferred evidence. However, if you've lost your copy of your discharge, other documents can be used.

A fire in the Federal Records Center in Overland, Mo., destroyed nearly 75 percent of Army and Air Force service records established before 1963. For that reason, it may be impossible to obtain a duplicate of a lost discharge. In lieu of the discharge, Social Security can

accept records from the Department of Veterans Affairs or from other federal agencies that document entry and separation from the service. As a last resort a combination of less reliable documents (for example, school or military records indicating absence for active duty) may be used.

Q. How long will Social Security pay me my disability benefits?

A. Social Security disability benefits don't end after a certain time limit. They continue as long as the disability lasts.

All Social Security disability cases are updated and reviewed periodically. If the reviewer finds that you have regained your ability to work, your benefits will stop. Your disability case must be reviewed at least every seven years. If improvement is expected, reviews continue as often as every year. Address questions for Bill Hunt to Social Security Publications, 774 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Designation tells gardeners plants have been found 'winners'

(The following column is contributed by Ron Cornwell, horticulture specialist with the University of Illinois Extension Service.)

Studying gardeners closely, gardeners are sure to see red, white and blue crests near some of the entries. These are winners. Besides the crest, winners might be designated with the initials "AAS." Either way, the gardener can expect something different.

AAS designates have characteristics better or different than cultivars currently on the market. Most of the testing involves comparing the potential winners with the best currently on the market.

site is located at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

Only two flowers were chosen as winners for 1993. Normally, there are five or six winners. Verbena "Imagination" differs from other verbenas in that it grows best as a hanging plant or as a trailing vine, retaining wall or terrace. Flowers are a deep purplish-blue in 2-inch buds. Plants spread over 3 feet. Blue or purple flowers are welcomed for the cool and calming feelings they bring to gardeners.

Verbenas are a drought tolerant plant, which makes them perfect for those who tend to allow their hanging baskets or flower pots to dry out accidentally. They can also be used as bedding plants in a flower garden border.

The other winner is "Mont Blanc" Nierembergia, an uncommon garden flower that fits well in most home gardens. "Mont Blanc" is a white flowering plant. Like most nierembergia, it tolerates summer's heat and drought. The plant looks similar to an alysium with large flowers. However, the plant is closer to the rose moss or portulaca in growing conditions. In other words, don't spend lots of time preparing a top quality soil bed.

Funeral services

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

DALTON, Loretta J. (Newton), 57, of East Carondelet died Thursday, March 18, 1993, at Columbia (Ill.) Convalescent Center. Services were held Monday at Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia, by the Rev. Willis Clark. Burial was at Valhalla Gardens of Memory, Belleville.

DAVIS, Thomas G., 54, of Granite City died Sunday, March 21, 1993, at home. Services were held Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Granite City. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Church.

MORGAN, Cecil H., 82, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:12 a.m. Thursday, March 18, 1993, at Madison County Nursing Home, Granite City. There was no visitation. A memorial service will be held Saturday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Barry DeWitt. Burial was at Madison County Nursing Home, Edwardsville.

Good Samaritan Hospital, Waterford, Ill., died Wednesday at Braun Colonial Funeral Home, Cahokia, by the Rev. Willis Clark. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Church, Granite City. Services were held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services were held Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Brian Hagler. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Church.

LINK, Lucy (Hagopian), 64, of Granite City died at 1:45 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 1993. Visitation was held Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City. Services were held Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Brian Hagler. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Church.

ROUSSAN, Lloyd "Tiger," 67, of Granite City died at 2:56 a.m. Monday, March 22, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Wednesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Philip Flynn. Burial was at St. John's Lutheran Church.

SUDDETH, Charles Robert, 49, of Madison died at 7:36 a.m. Sunday, March 14, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were held Tuesday, March 16, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Ponton Beach. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Fairview Heights. Masses are suggested as memorials.

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Are your kids out of control? Are you losing your children to gangs, drugs, or alcohol? Do you ever feel like hitting your child? Do you need advice on parenting?

Is someone hurting you physically or sexually? Are you thinking about running away? Are you hooked on drugs or alcohol? Do you ever think about hurting yourself? Do you just need someone to listen